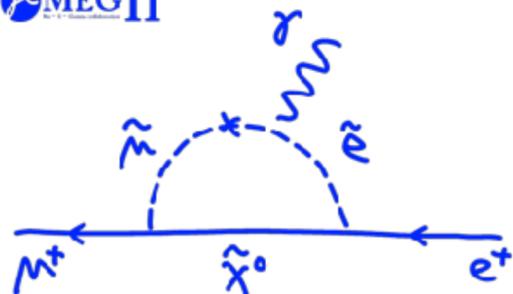


# MEG II 実験：2020年のコミッ ションニングの結果と今後の展望



MEG II



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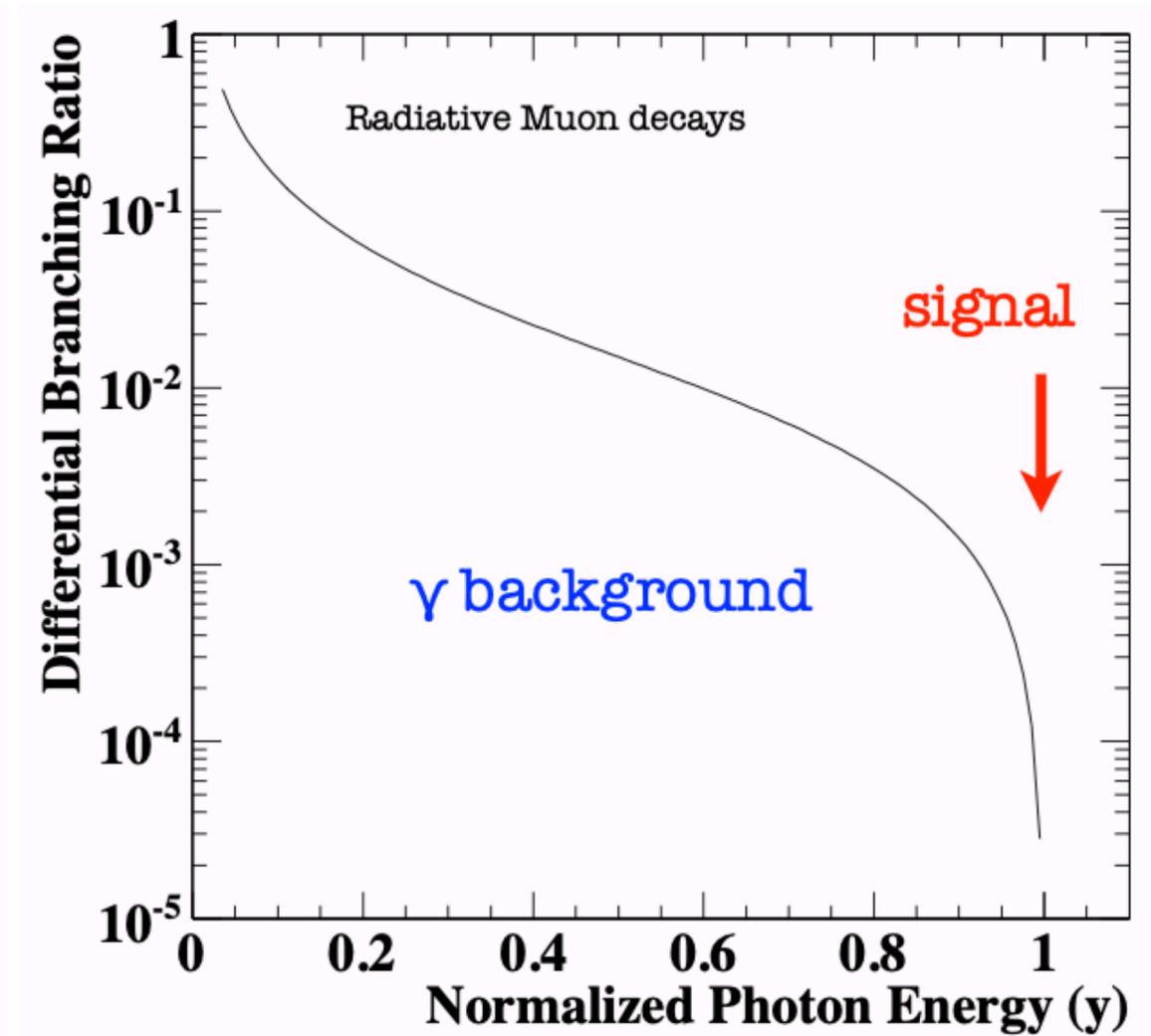
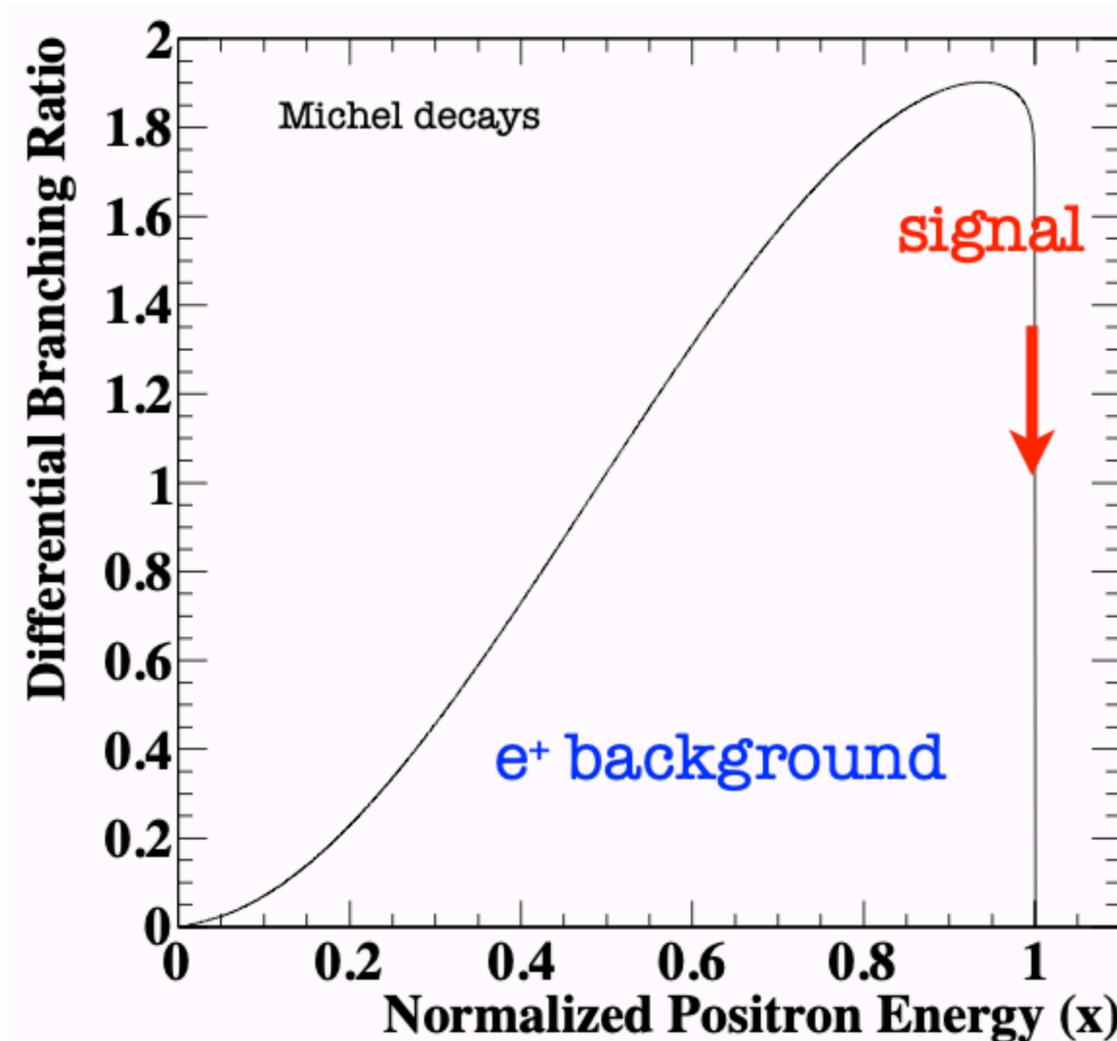
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# $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma$ event

- **Signal**
  - 52.8 MeV  $e^+$ ,  $\gamma$
  - back-to-back
  - Time coincidence
- **Background**
  - $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu \nu \gamma$ 
    - Radiative muon decay
  - Accidental
    - Dominant
- All the resolution improvements are crucial to keep the accidental background ( $N_{BG}$ ) manageable



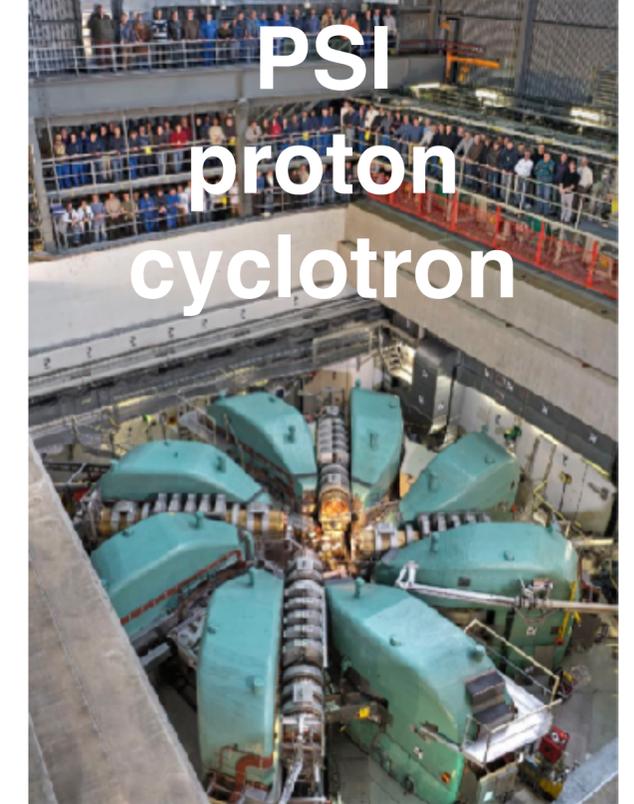
$$N_{BG} \propto R_{\mu}^2 \times \Delta E_{\gamma}^2 \times \Delta E_e \times \Delta \Theta_{e\gamma}^2 \times \Delta t_{e\gamma} \times T$$

Beam rate

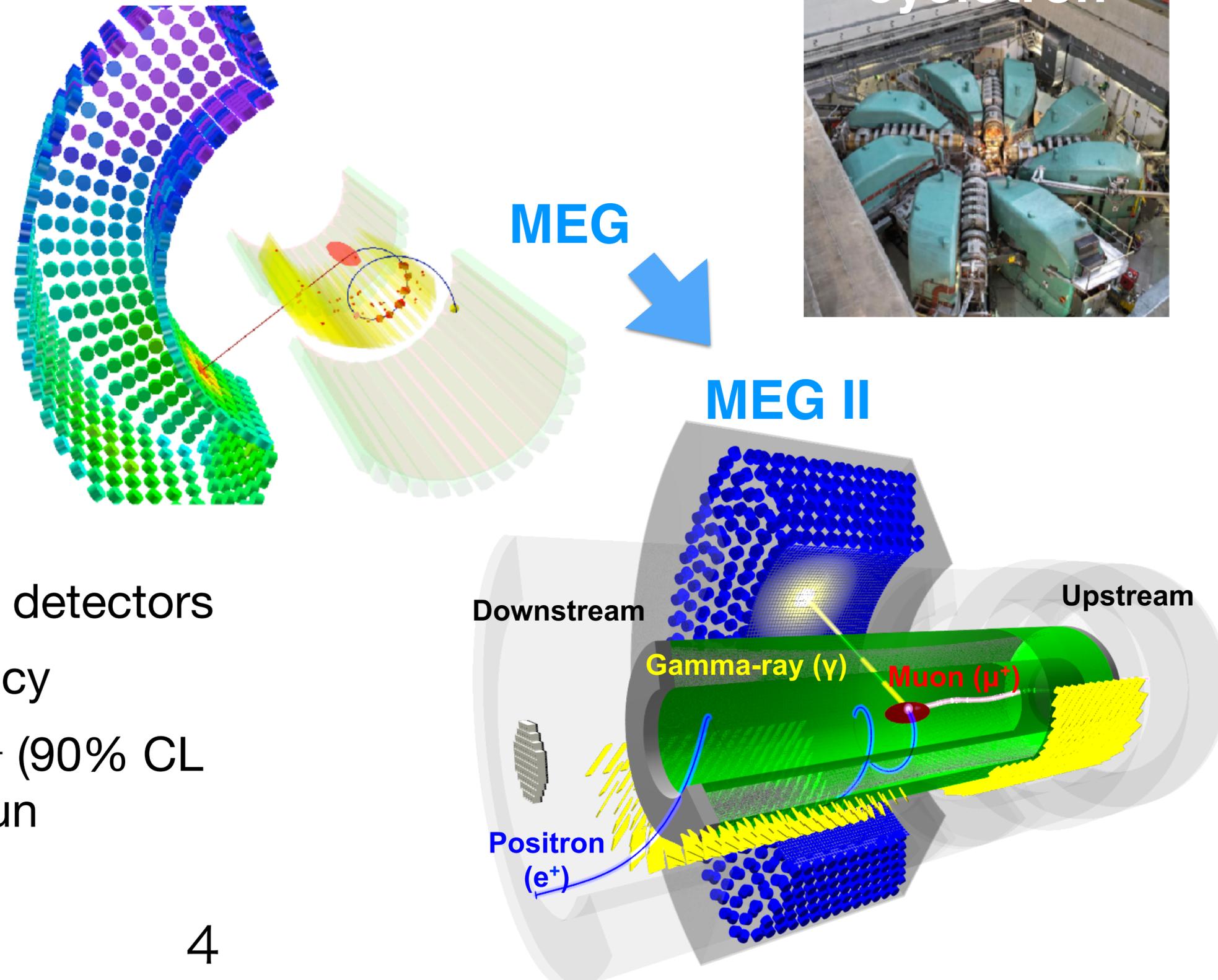
Resolutions

Elapsed time

# MEG II experiment



- MEG II experiment
  - Intensity frontier experiment
  - Upgrade from MEG experiment
  - To get clear evidence for BSM
- MEG final result (2016)
  - $\text{Br}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) < 4.2 \times 10^{-13}$  @ 90%CL  
(  $5.3 \times 10^{-13}$  Sensitivity )
- Twice intense muon beam
  - $7 \times 10^7 \mu^+/\text{s}$  stopping at target
- Twice better resolutions for all detectors
- Twice better detection efficiency
- Search for  $\text{Br}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) \sim 6 \times 10^{-14}$  (90% CL sensitivity) in 3 year physics run



# MEG II Experiment

## Liquid Xenon $\gamma$ Detector

900L LXe, 4092 MPPCs + 668 PMTs  
Better uniformity w/ VUV-sensitive  
12x12mm<sup>2</sup> SiPM

Downstream

**x2 resolution everywhere**

COBRA SC Magnet

Upstream

Gamma-ray ( $\gamma$ )

Muon ( $\mu^+$ )

$7 \times 10^7/s$

**x2 beam intensity**

Radiative Decay Counter

Further reduction of radiative BG

Positron ( $e^+$ )

Cylindrical Drift Chamber

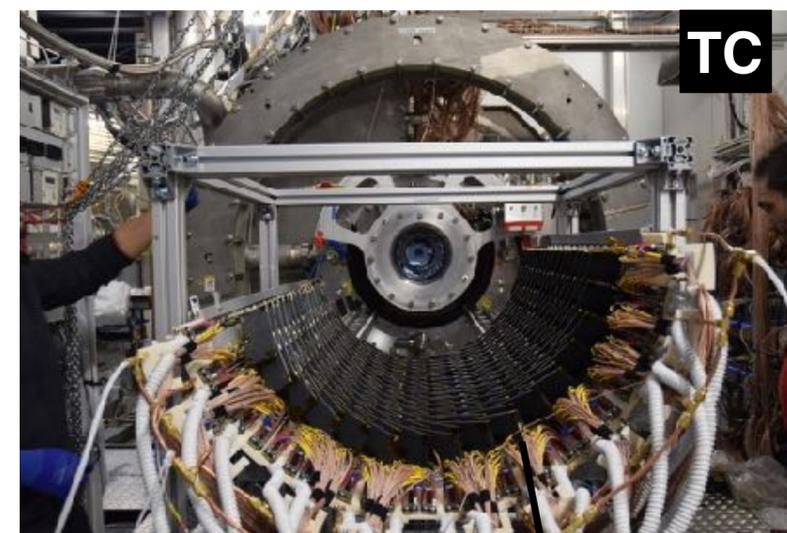
Single volume He:iC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub>  
small stereo cells, more hits

Pixelated Timing Counter  
30ps resolution w/ multiple hits

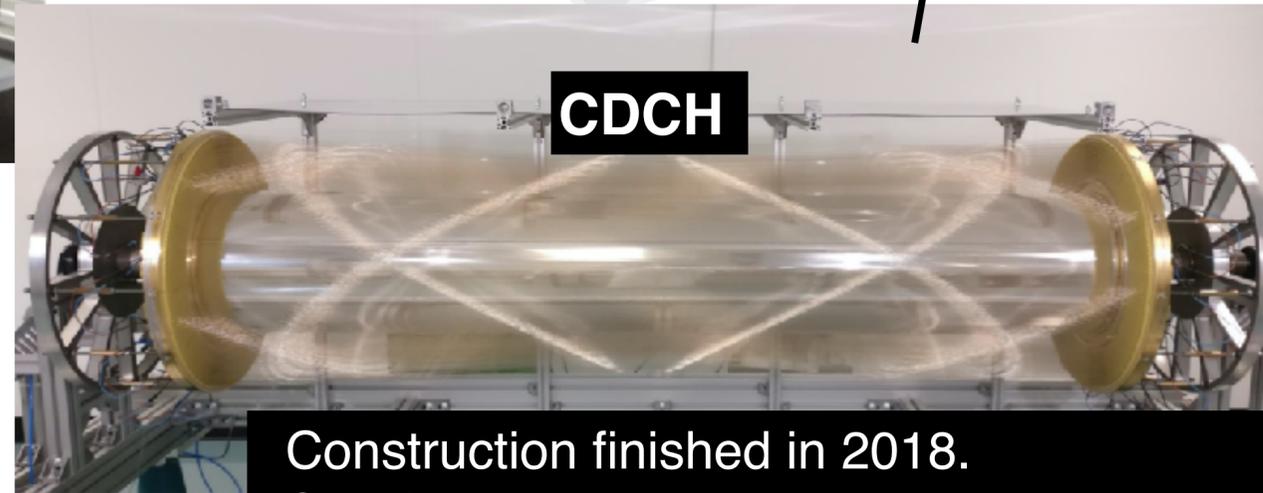
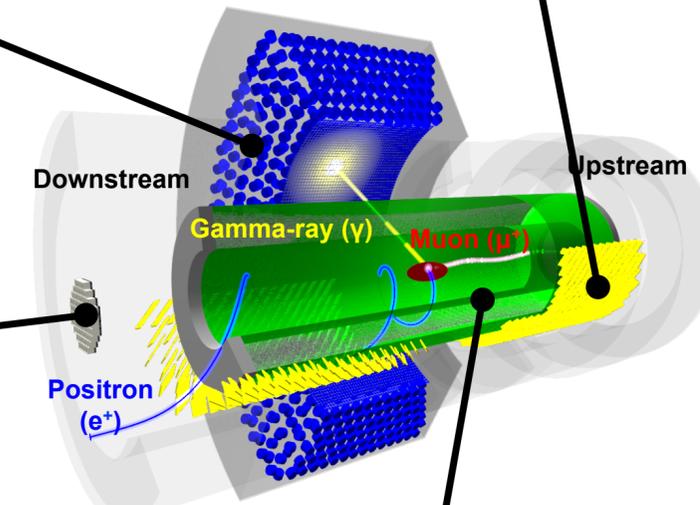
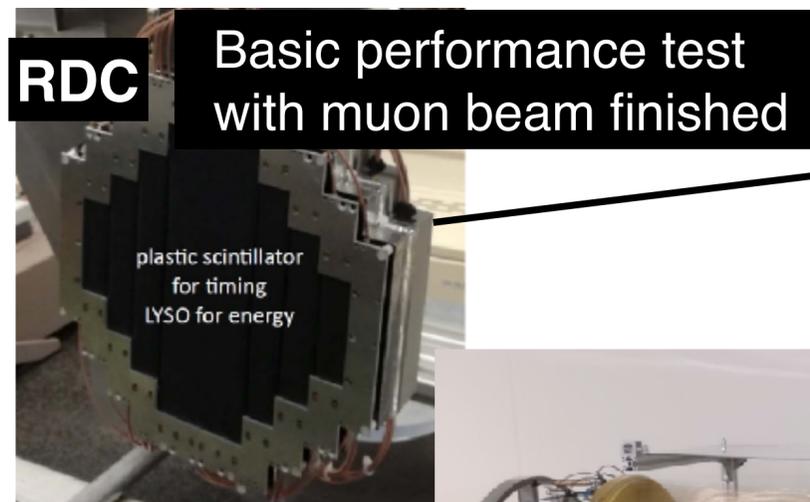
**x2 efficiency**

# MEG II Status before 2020 run

- All detectors are constructed
- 20% of electronics readout channels are produced and tested



Basic performance test with muon beam finished



20% of WDB tested  
Mass production this year

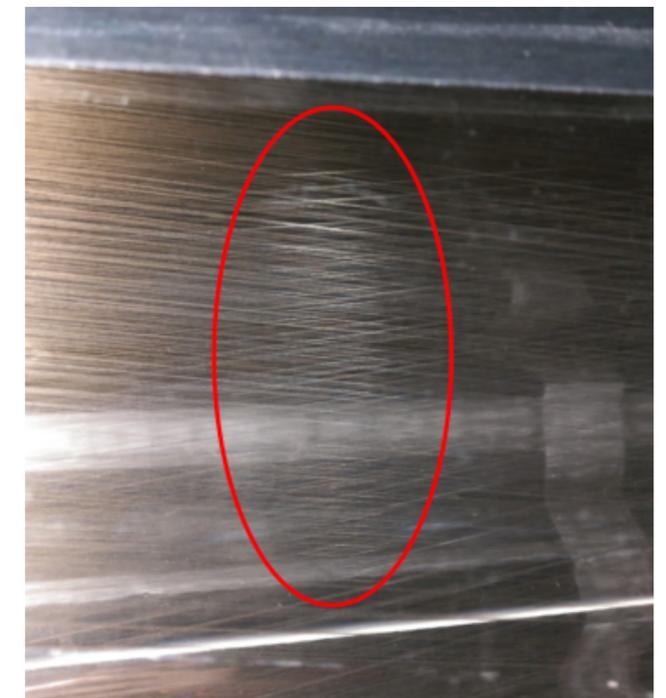
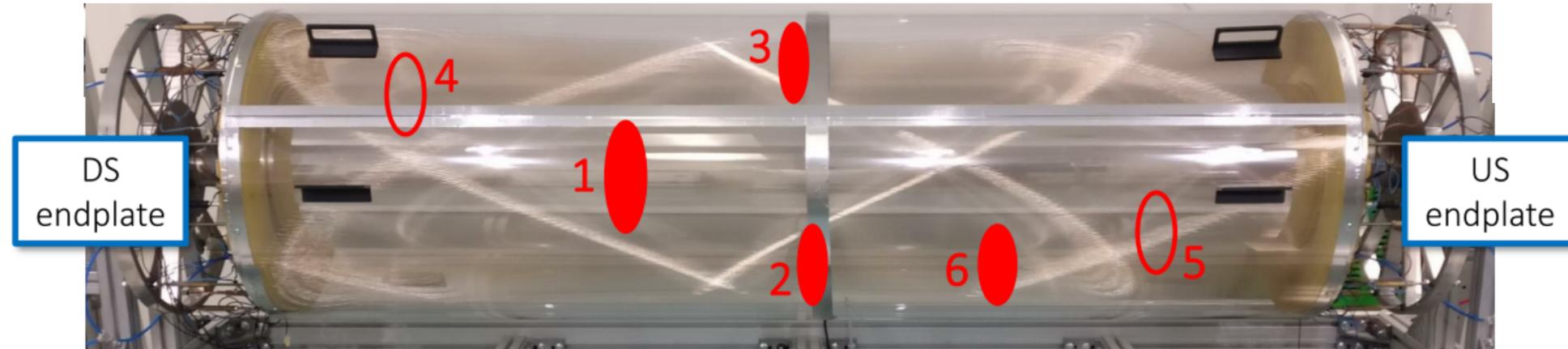
# 2020 run and issues

- Despite COVID, necessary maintenance work was restarted at PSI from July 2020
- All detectors were assembled again in Sep.
- Successful beam time in Oct. - Dec.
  - Muon beam for detector commissioning in Oct. and Dec.
  - Special run with Charge EXchange (CEX) reaction in Nov.
  - Beam test for US RDC prototype at the end
- Issues
  - Drift chamber
    - High current under muon beam, wire breaking
  - Liquid xenon detector
    - Performance check at 55 MeV
    - Large degradation of MPPC & PMT in beam



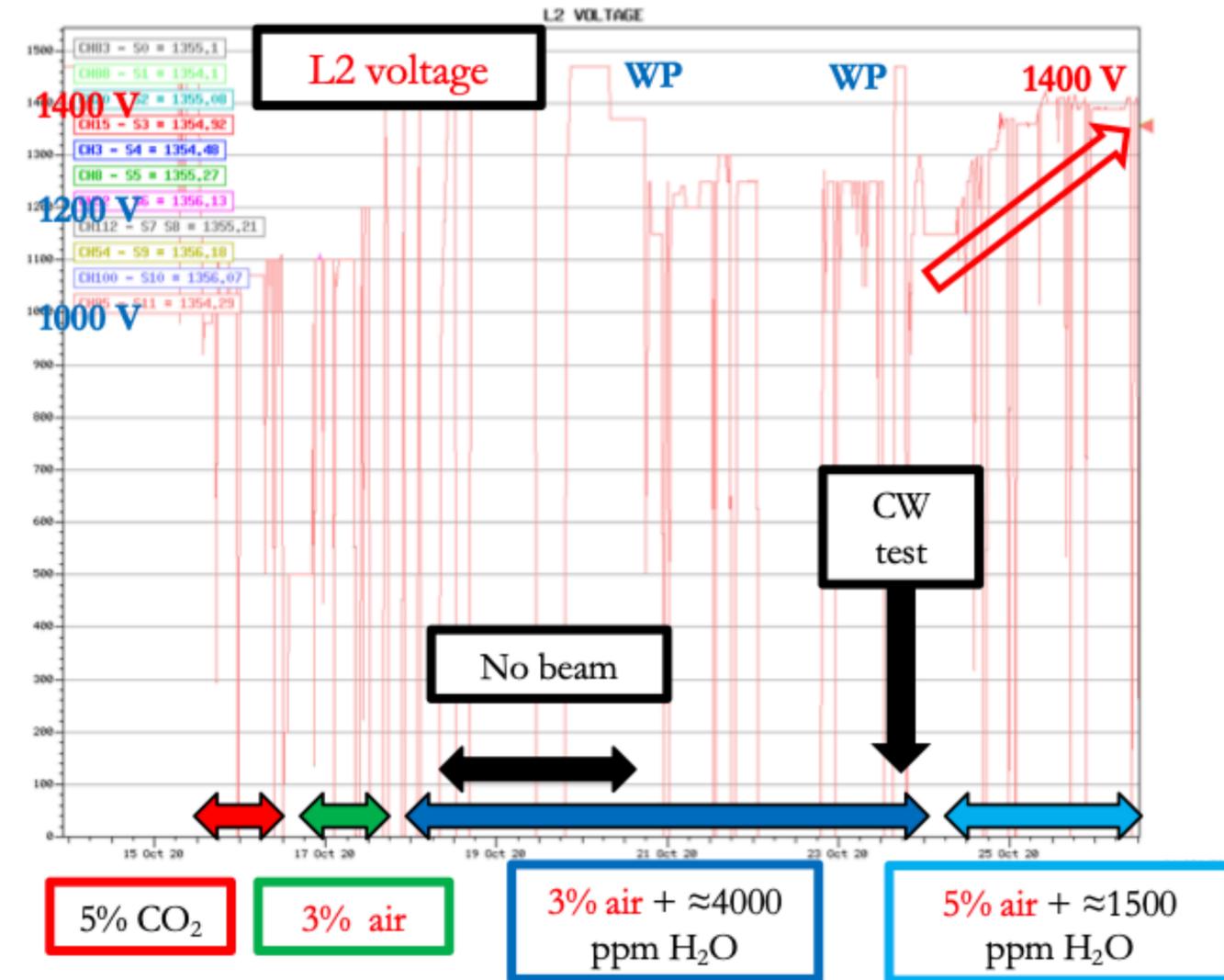
# Drift chamber discharge problem

- High current was an issue in run 2019
- Drift chamber discharges observed by eye in 2020 spring
  - Absolute dark environment
  - point-like lights like “corona discharges”
  - Whitish deposits seems to be formed
  - High currents observed at 1200V w/o additives (Working point ~1500V)
- Solutions
  - additives for helium-isobutane gas are suggested by papers
    - CO<sub>2</sub>, Oxygen, water, alcohols, etc.
  - Babar NIM A515(2003)
  - LHCb JINST 14 (2019) P11031



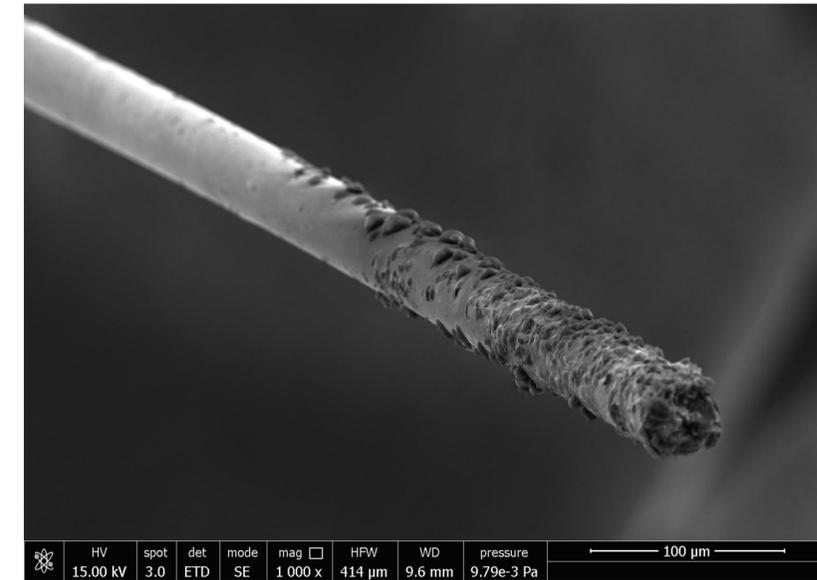
# Solution for drift chamber discharge

- Different gas mixtures were tested under muon beam run in 2020
  - Only water, CO<sub>2</sub>, or O<sub>2</sub> was not effective
- Adequate gas mixture was finally found
  - He:iso-butane= 90:10 +H<sub>2</sub>O 3500ppm+pure O<sub>2</sub> 2%
  - Nominal HV at MEG II intensity ( $7 \times 10^7 \mu/s$ ) was achieved.
- One wire might be broken during this test
  - Due to corrosion by water?
  - Water was replaced with 1% Isopropyl alcohol, and it worked!
- O<sub>2</sub> concentration reduced down to 0.5%
  - Attachment of electrons loses electron in the drift (lower gain)
- Final gas mixture
  - He:iso-butane = 90:10 + Isopropanol 1% + O<sub>2</sub> 0.5%



# Drift chamber broken wire problem

- Wire breaking was induced by humidity
  - Corrosion evolved with water & wire tension
- Drift chamber had been operated in closed condition with dry environment
  - Small amount of water vapor (13% relative humidity) induced a wire breaking in 2020?
  - No wire breaking in 2021 with isopropyl alcohol?
  - Wire removal work is necessary in this spring
- Discussion for drift chamber 2
  - With thicker cathode wires (Ag/Al 40→50~60 $\mu$ m)
  - Backup and better solution
  - Two years necessary for production, the current chamber will be anyway used until CDCH2 ready



- CDCH re-opened on 16/02
- During the short period with the chamber exposed to the cleanroom atmosphere T was 22-23°C and RH did not exceed 35%

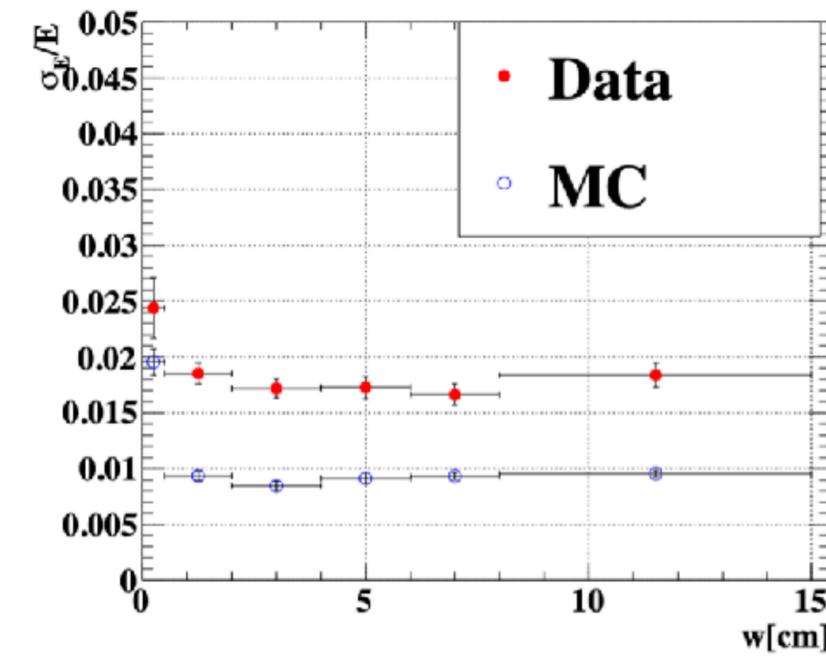
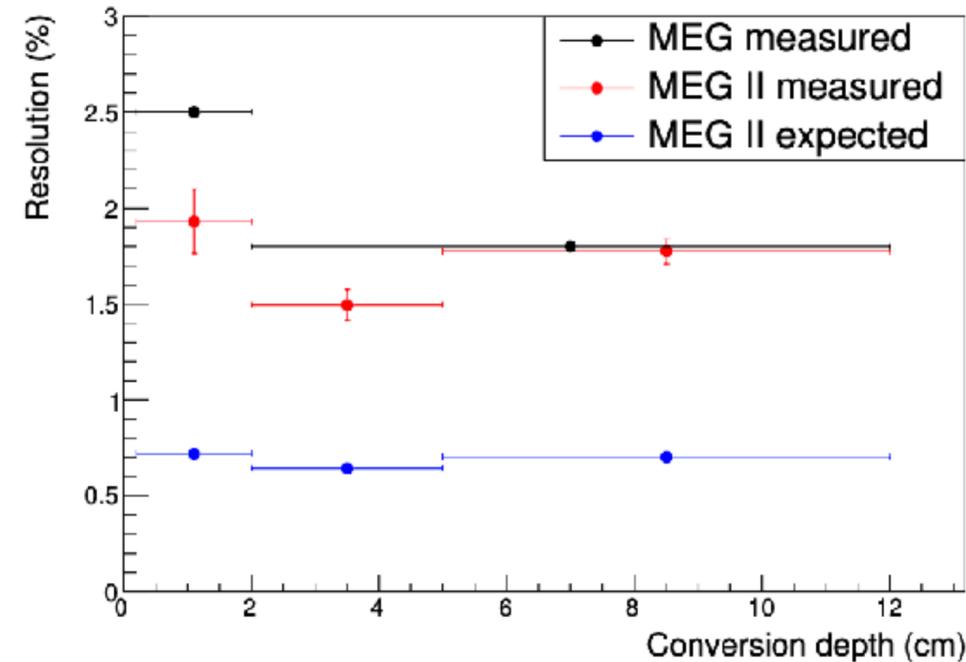
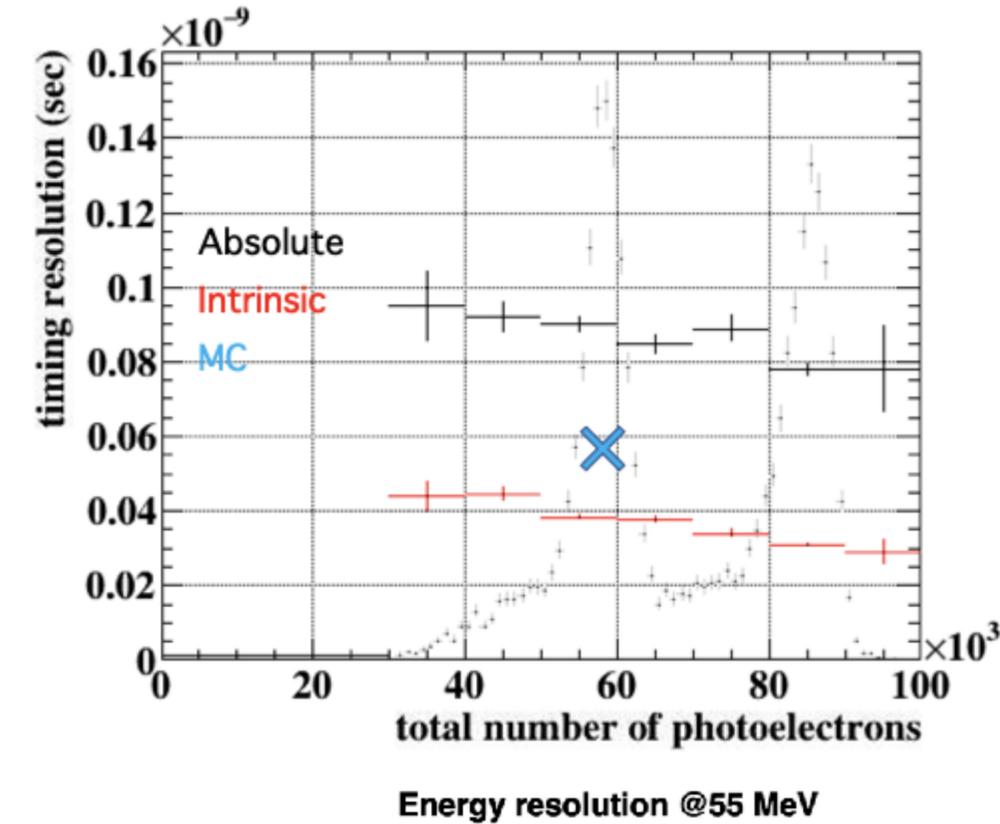
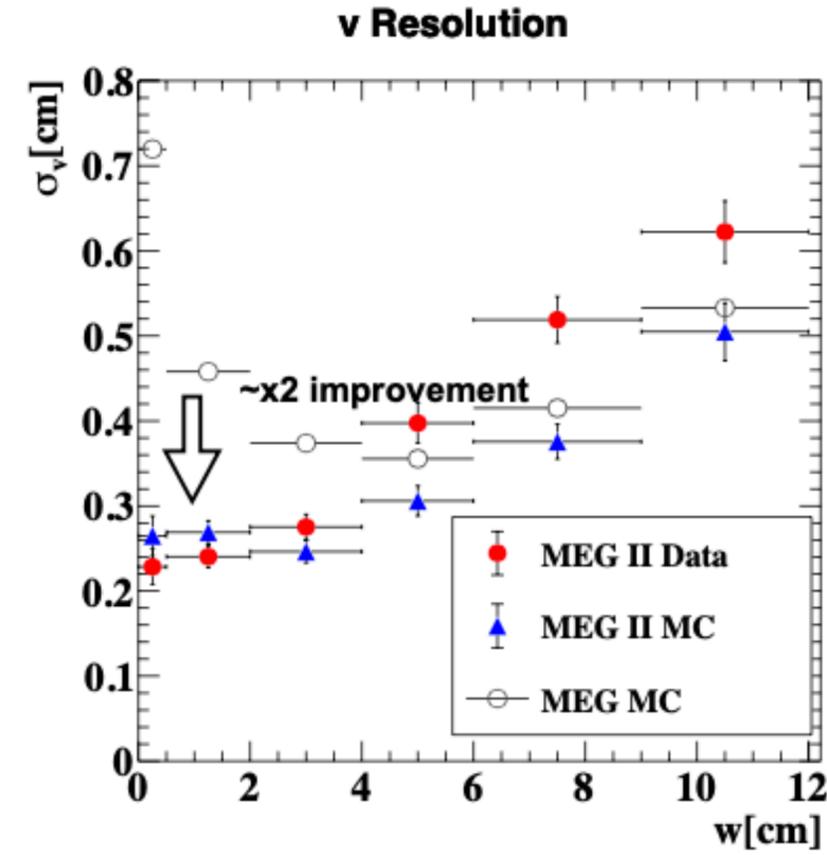
Sensitivity estimate from e<sup>+</sup> 13aT2-1 宇佐見

e<sup>+</sup> reconstruction 14aT3-7 内山

# LXe performance

- Position resolution
  - almost consistent with MC expectation
- Time resolution 14aT2-3 恩田
  - 82 ps is still worse than MC expectation (57 ps)
- Energy resolution 14aT2-2 小林
  - worse than MC expectation
  - better than MEG at depth < 2cm
- Prospects
  - Measurements done with a limited number of channels, and will be updated with full electronics
  - Calibration & algorithm still to be improved

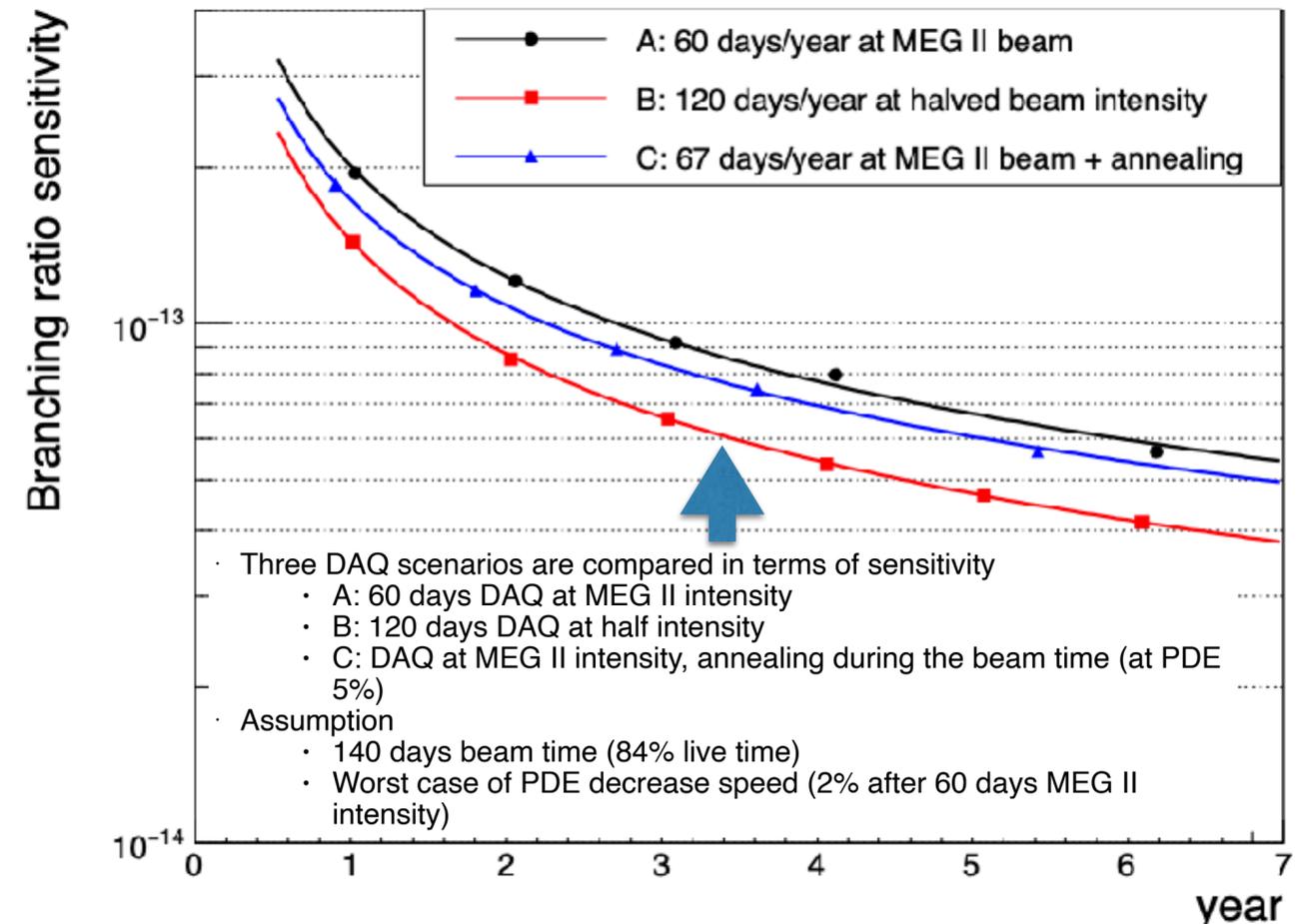
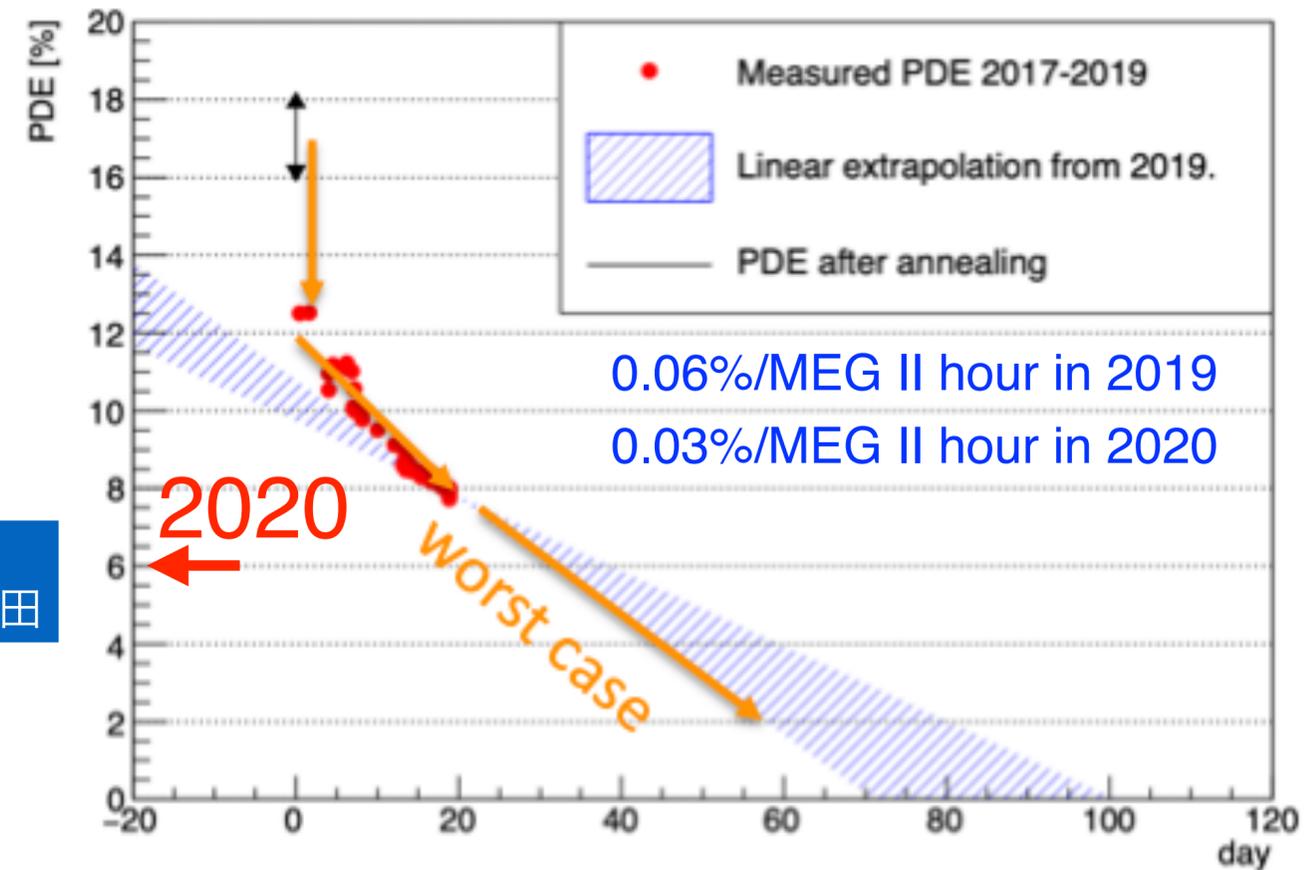
14aT2-1 家城



# LXe issues

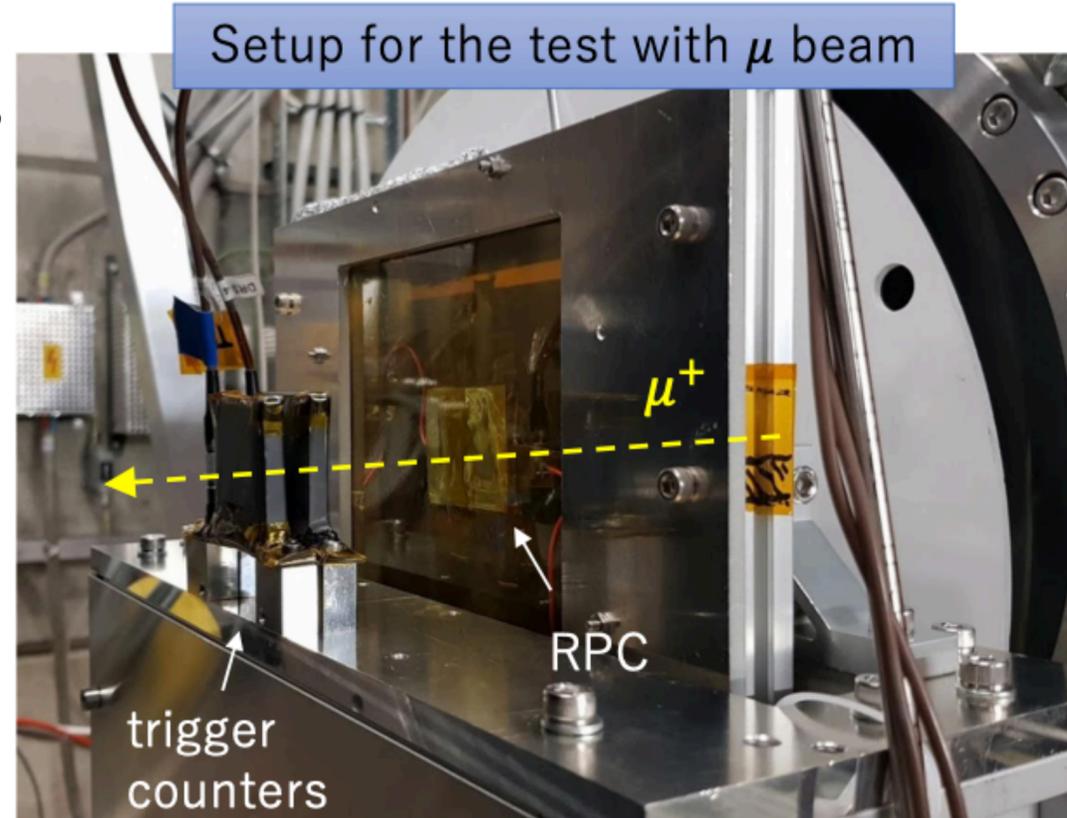
- MPPC PDE degradation under beam
  - critical to operate the LXe detector for long physics run
  - Annealing can recover the PDE completely
- Items to be checked
  - Is PDE degradation stopped at certain level above 0%?
  - Is PDE degradation speed getting slower and slower?
- Sensitivity update from LXe detector
  - Worst PDE decrease scenario suggests half beam intensity
  - This will be finalized with the full behavior of MPPC degradation
- Performance check with full electronics
  - Noise, sensor calib., uniformity check, energy scale, resolutions
  - CEX run will be done in 2021

PDE lab. test  
12pT2-9,10 島田、吉田

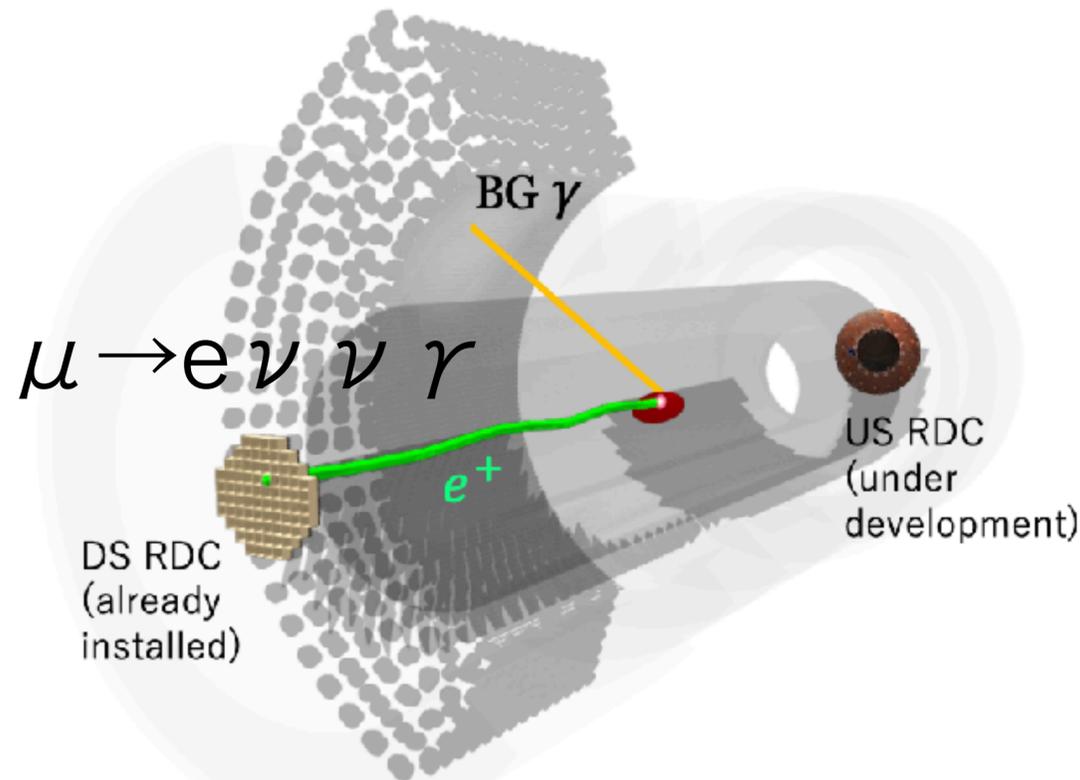


# US RDC (RPC) beam test

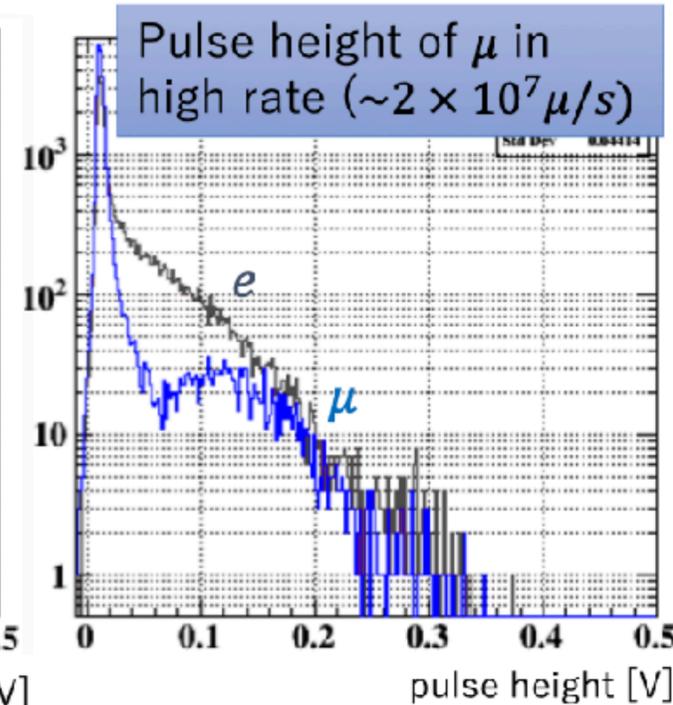
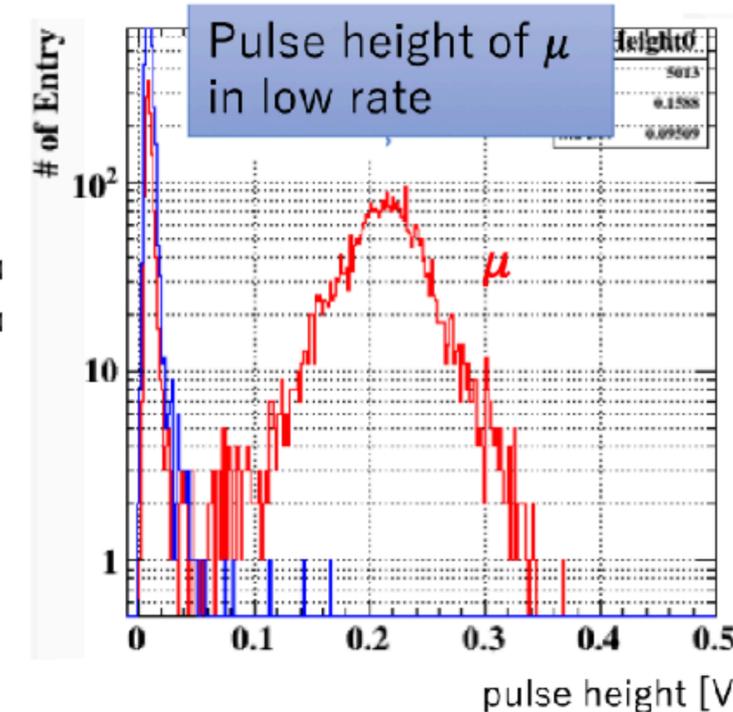
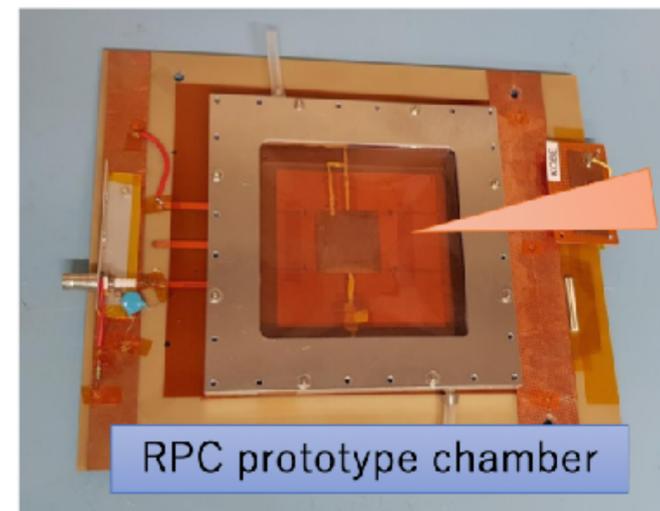
- RDC to identifies RMD backgrounds
- DS RDC : ready for the physics run
- US RDC : under development
  - Extremely low mass ( $<0.001X_0$ ) because muon beam must penetrate it
  - Resistive Plate Chamber (RPC) with Diamond-Like Carbon (DLC) resistive electrodes is under development
  - Efficiency  $> 90\%$ ,  $\sigma_t < 250$  ps fulfilled



- Remaining concern
  - does it work under high rate  $\mu$  beam?
- RPC beam test was performed
  - muon signal was successfully obtained, and voltage drop is also observed as expected.
- The design will be finalized based on these results

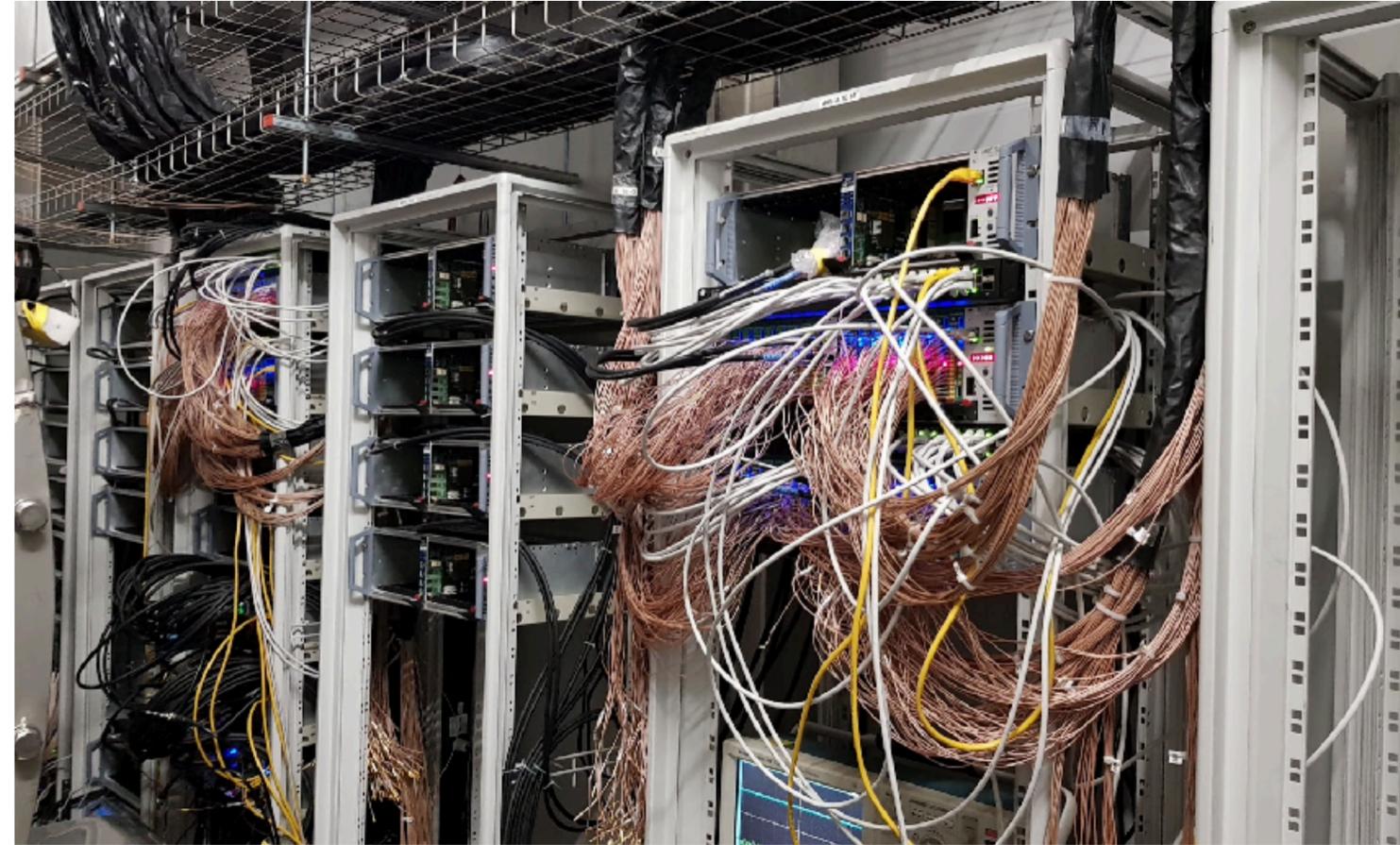


RPC beam test  
13aT2-2,3 山本、大矢



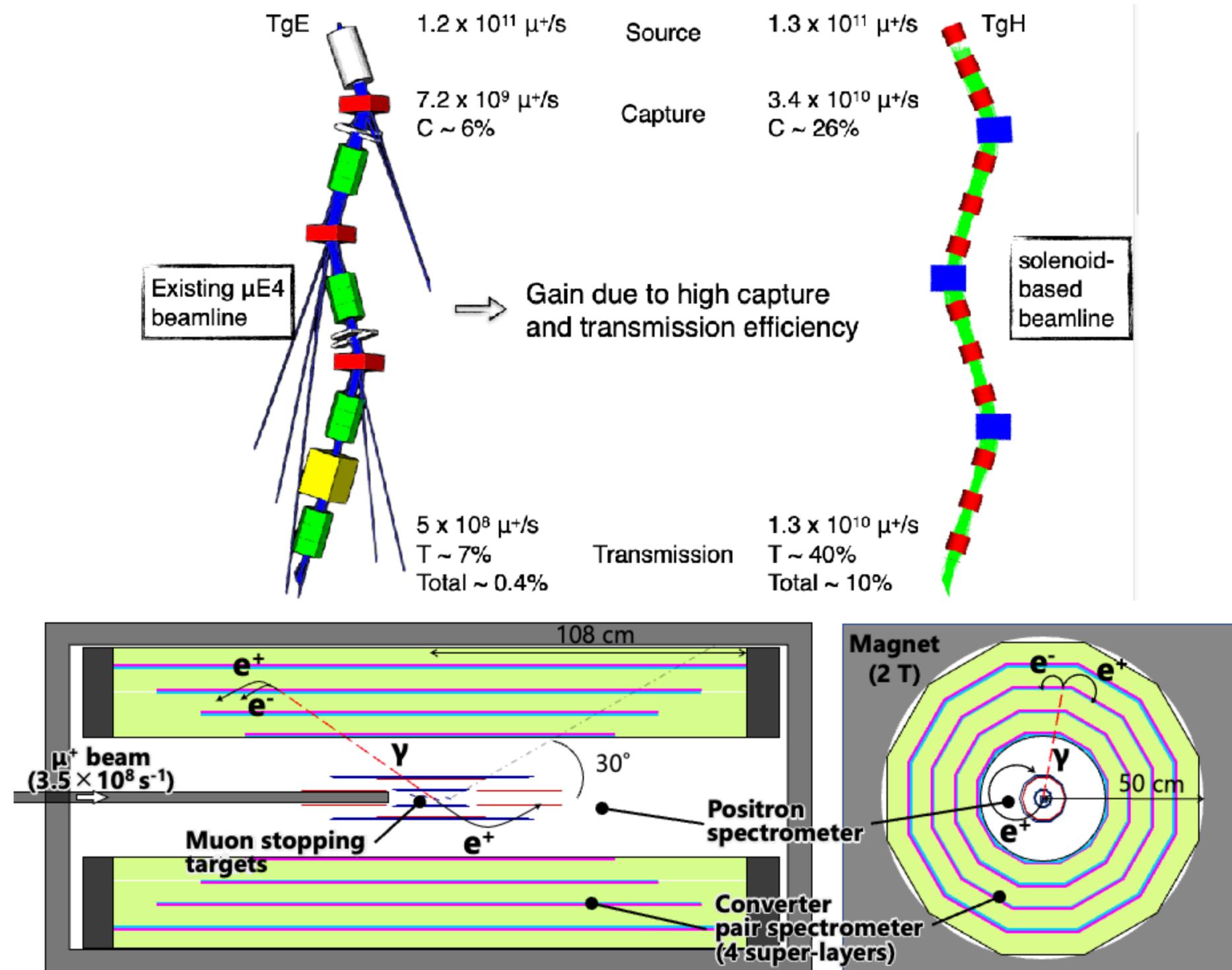
# 2021 run

- Full electronics mass production finishes March 2021
  - Installation & setup for 3 months (March - May)
- June - July : Each detector commissioning
- Aug - Nov : MEG II trigger setup
  - LXe MPPC PDE study
  - CDCH stable operation
  - CDCH2 construction
- Dec : Engineering/physics run



# After MEG II

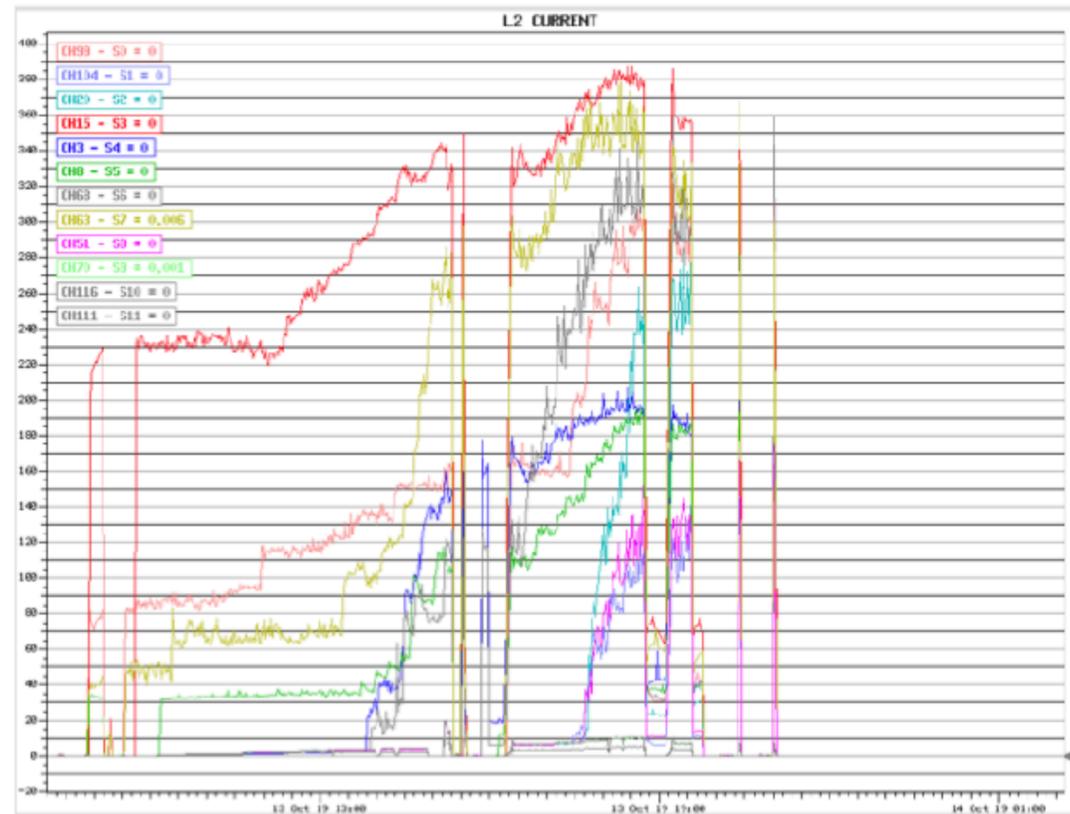
- High Intensity Muon Beam project (HiMB) at PSI
  - $10^{10} \mu^+/s$  (100× improvement)
  - CDR by end of 2021
  - Implementation during 2027/2028
  - Science Case workshop 6-9 April 2021
- Future  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$  experiment for CLFV
  - Goal:  $Br(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) \sim 10^{-15}$
  - Discover new physics and precision measurements
  - Detector R&D to make maximum use of HiMB
  - Resolution improvements
    - Calorimeter  $\rightarrow$  converter + pair spectrometer
  - High rate tolerance
    - Drift chamber  $\rightarrow$  Silicon detector
- Possible to measure  $\mu \rightarrow eee$  at the same time



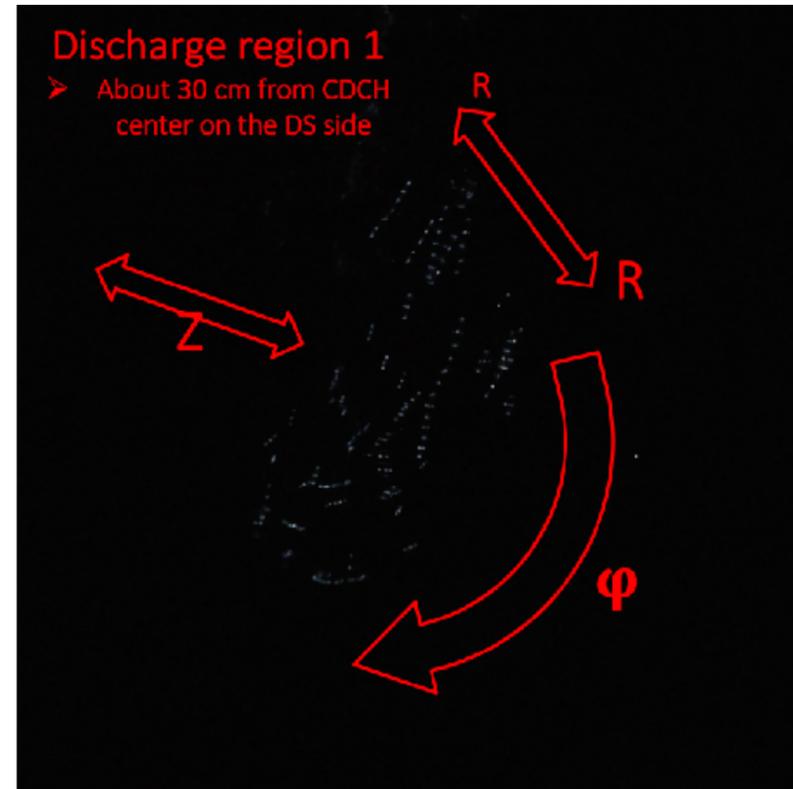
# Summary

- All the MEG II detectors were tested under MEG II intensity
- The full electronics will be produced in March 2021
- PSI accelerator beam time in 2021 is decided, and we will concentrate on each sub-detector preparation for full electronics, and performing engineering run followed by physics run.
- There are several issues from each sub-detector for the physics run, but we will try to solve these problems to start the MEG II experiment this year

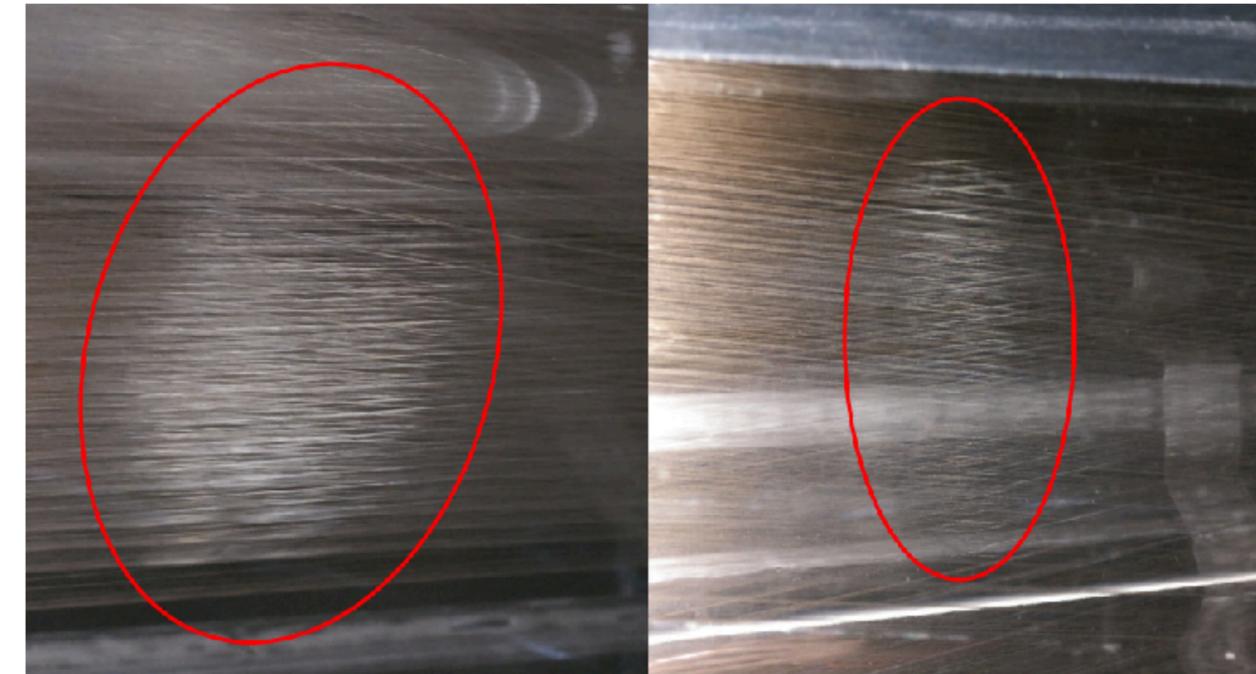
# High current at CDCH



- large currents up to  $300\mu\text{A}$

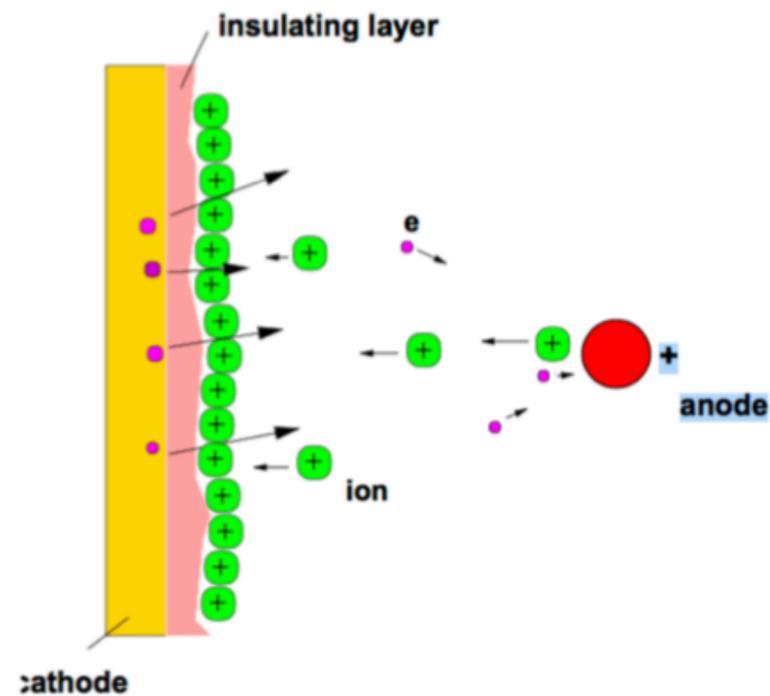


- Carbon fiber support replaced with plexiglass to see discharge by eye
- Succeeded in observing the corona discharge

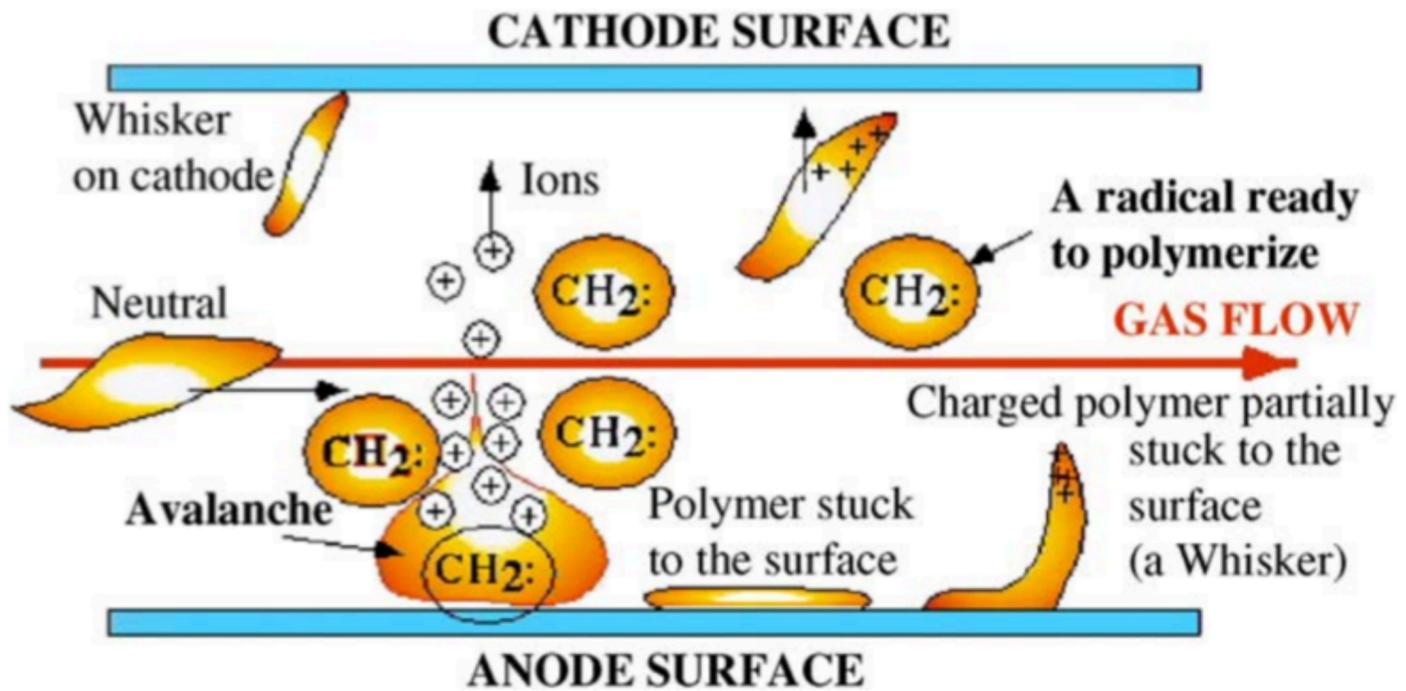


- Discharges are always correlated with whitish regions on wires
- Literature studies suggest
  - Corona discharges and Malte effect can be mitigated with addition of  $\text{CO}_2$ , oxygen, water, alcohols and methylal

# Malter effect and free radical formation



Malter effect

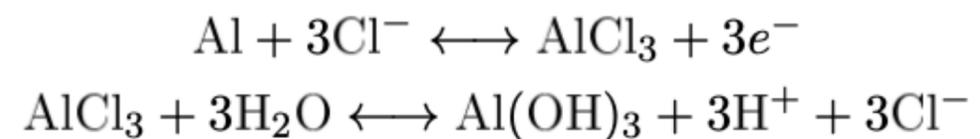
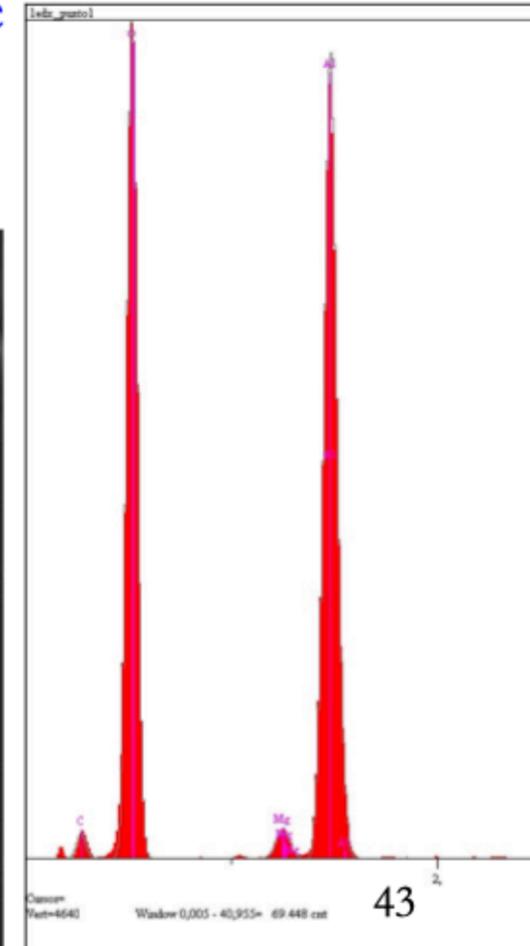
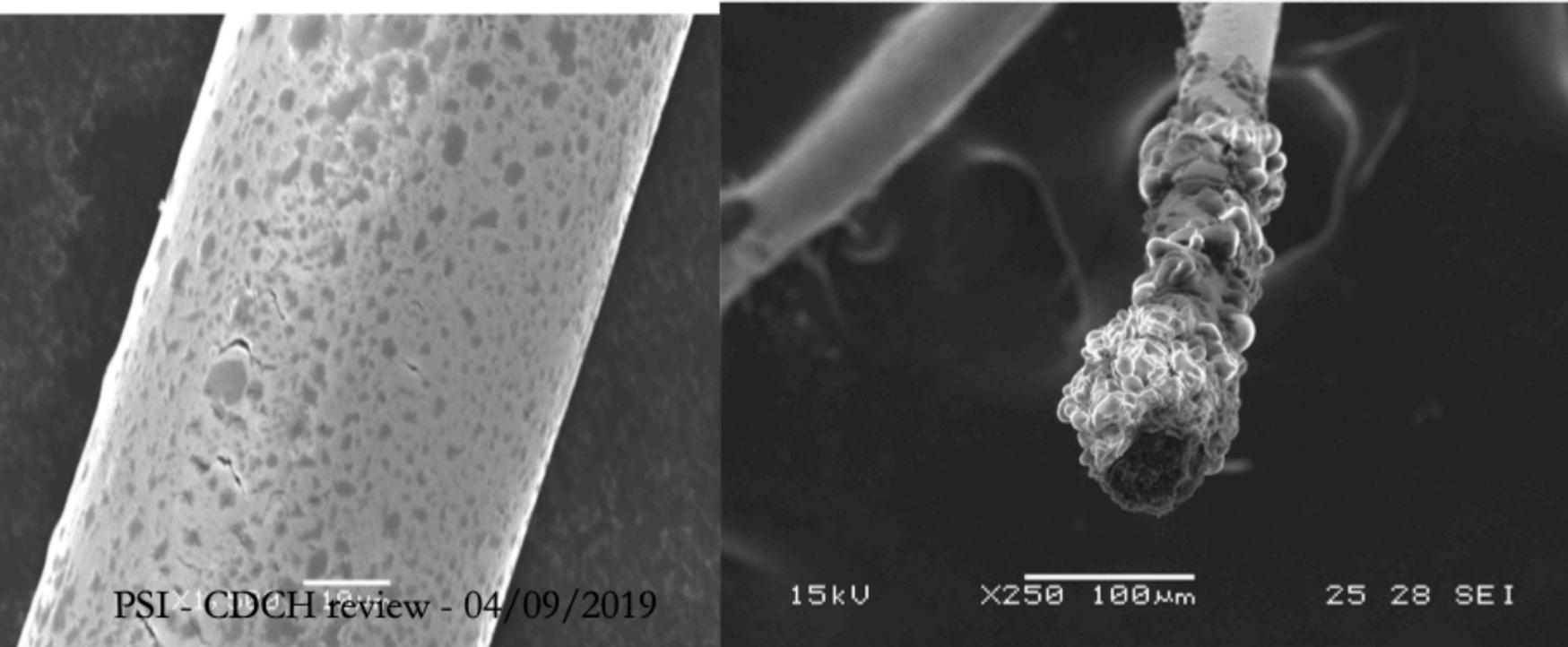


Free radical formation

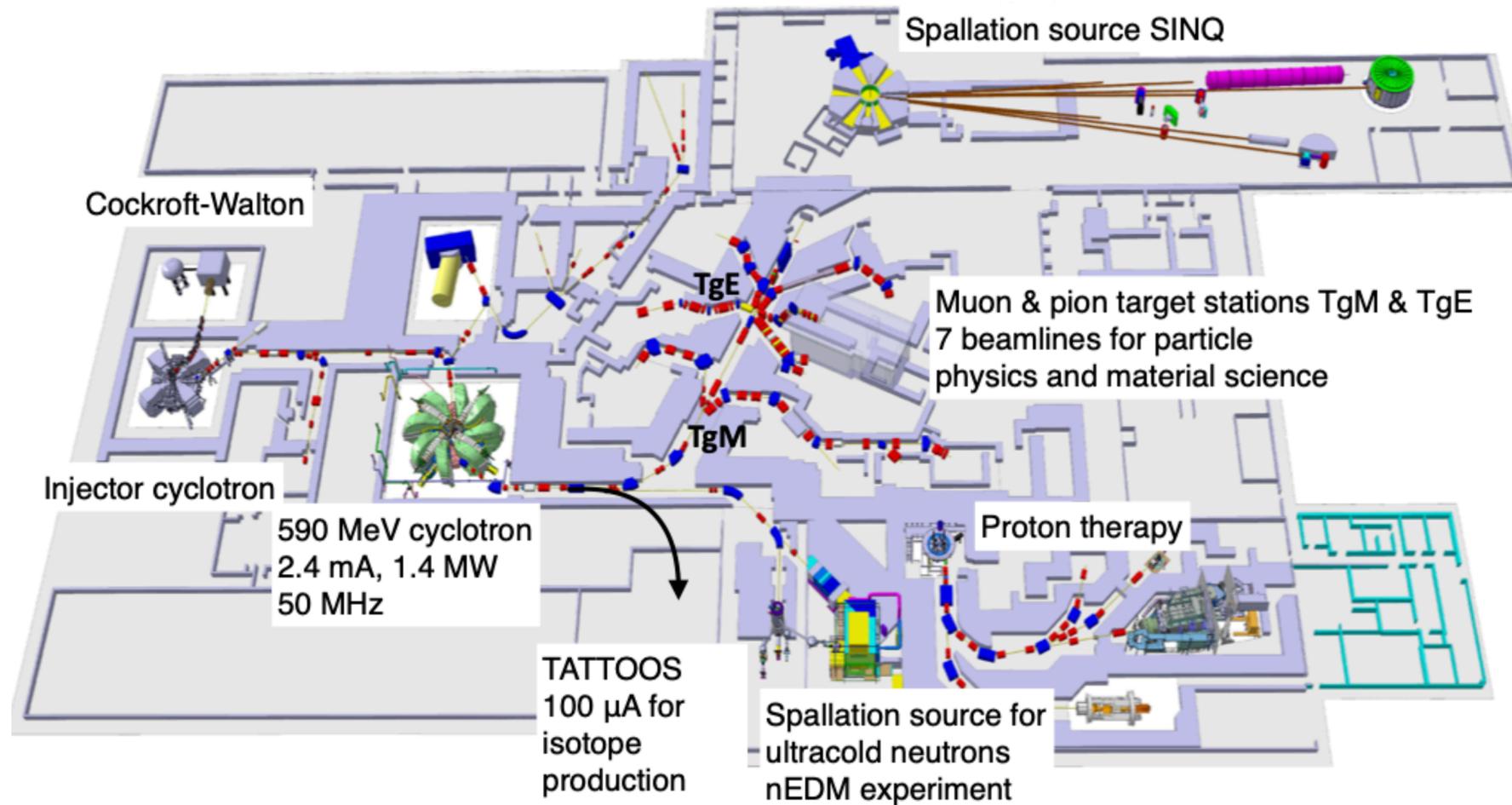
- Polymerization
  - fragmentation of chamber gas molecules can form free radical which deposits on wire surfaces
  - Charged polymer can be stuck to the surface (like Malte effect) → induce current
- Oxygen
  - can be radical in plasma under muon beam, and can attack the polymer (plasma cleaning)
- Isopropanol (Water)
  - can mitigate the surface charge deposit, but can not remove the polymer

# Humidity effect

- Test were performed in Lecce and in Pisa
  - Aluminium wires were **immersed** or **sprayed** with demineralized water and with 3% water solution of NaCl
  - In all cases induced wire breaking were identical to the ones observed on the chamber
  - The salt near the wire edge contains Al and O: it could be aluminium oxide or aluminium hydroxide



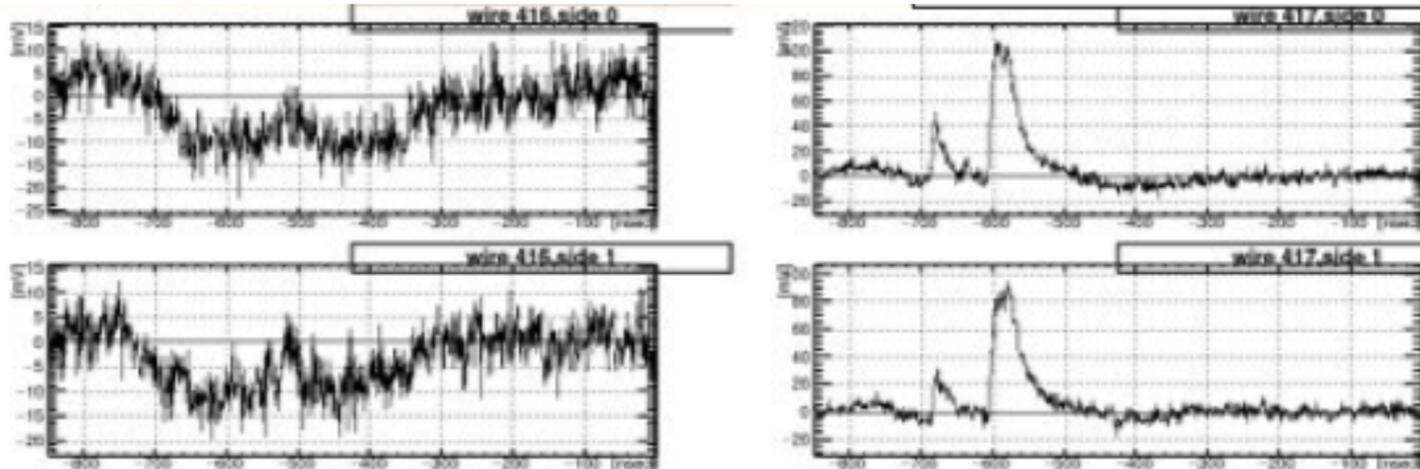
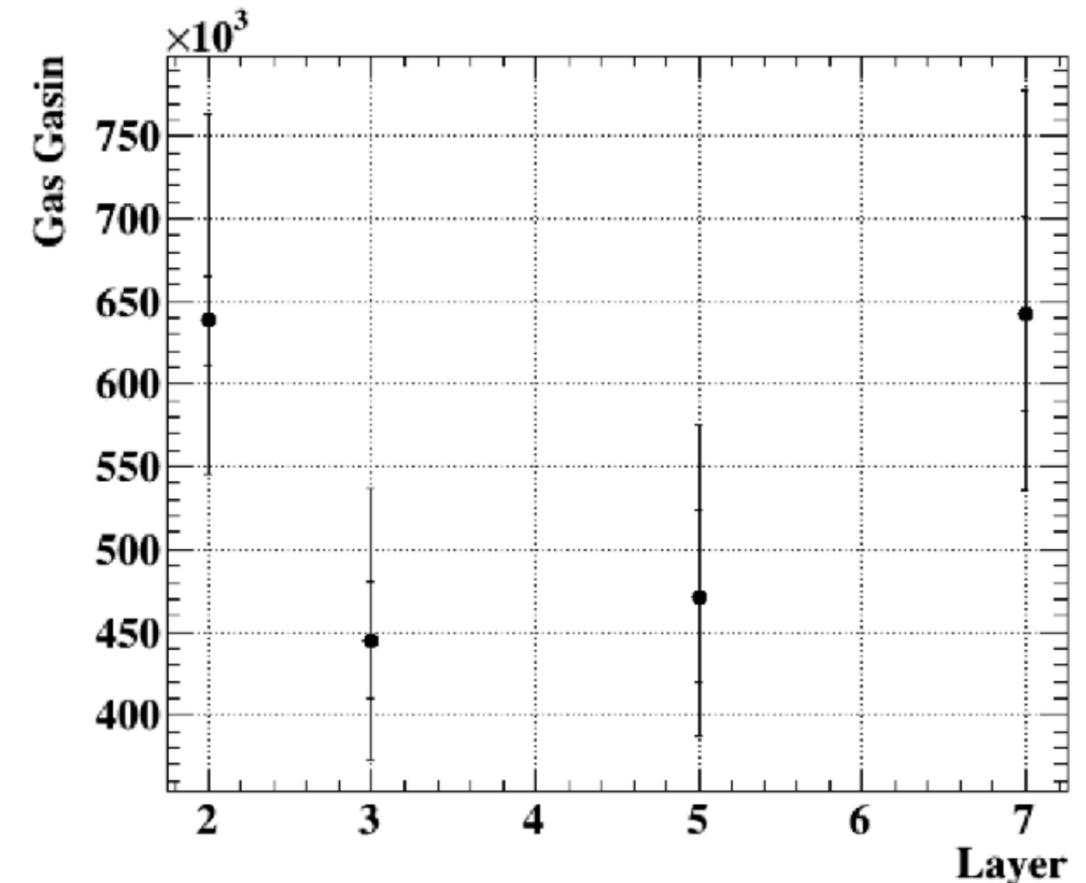
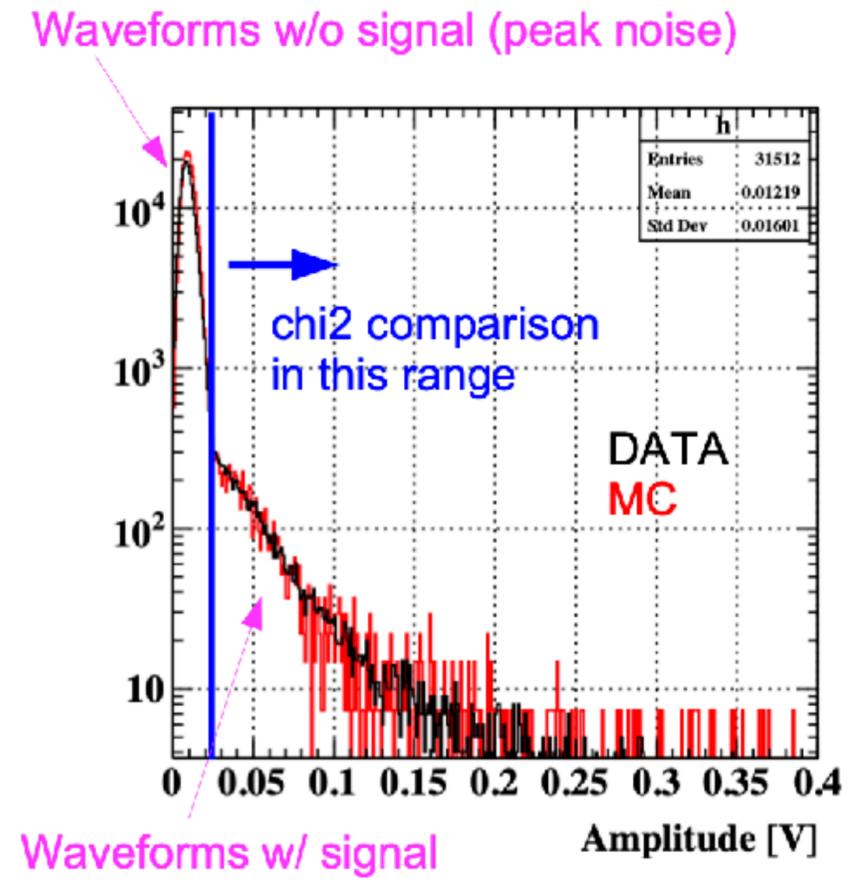
# PSI accelerator



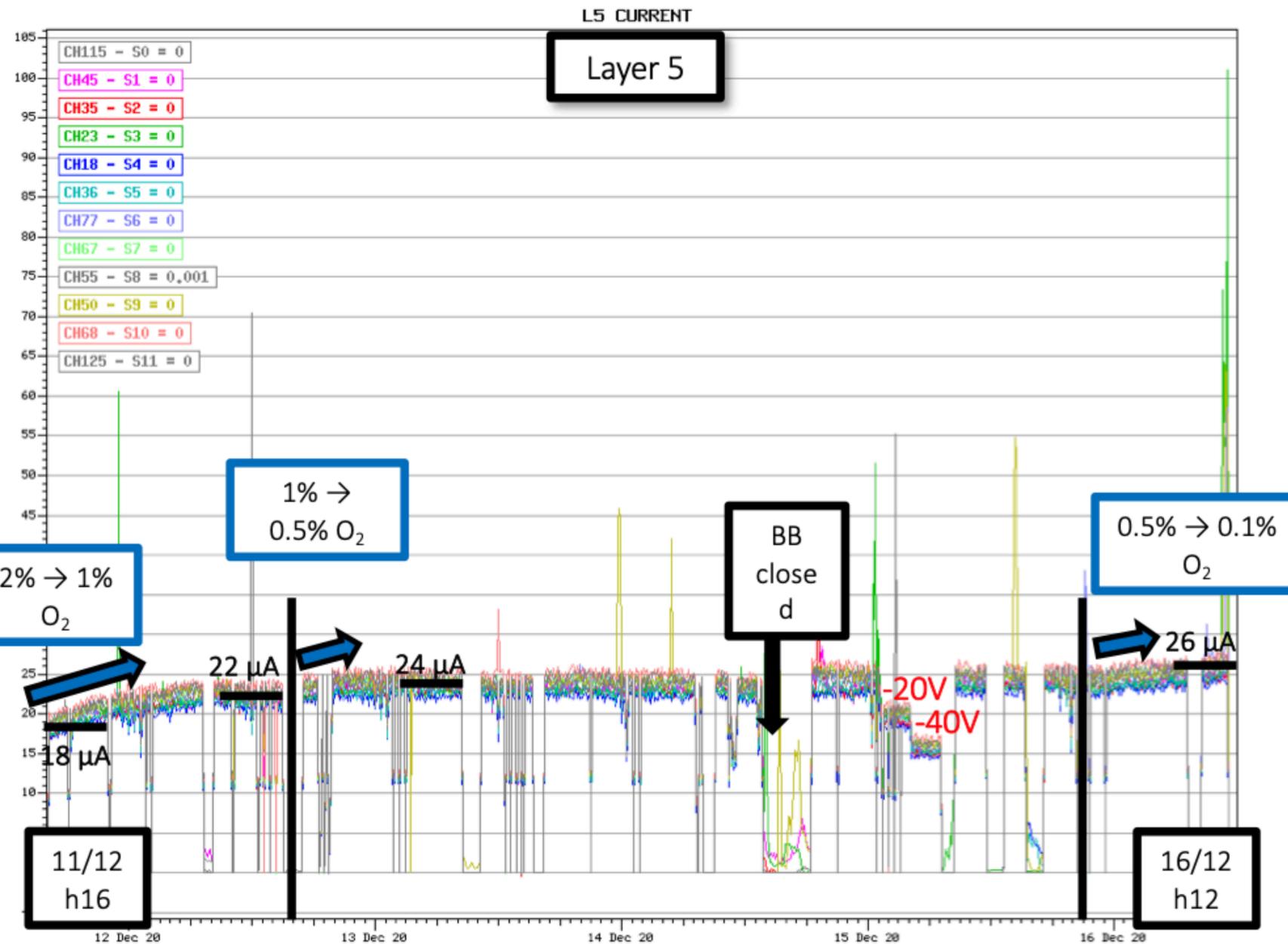
- CHRISP - Swiss Research InfraStructure for Particle physics at Paul Scherrer Institute in Switzerland
- World most intense DC muon beam available :  $> 10^8 \mu^+/\text{s}$
- High precision particle physics experiments complementary to the experiments at the highest energies at CERN's LHC
- There is an upgrade project, HIMB (High Intensity Muon Beam) project,  $10^{10} \mu/\text{s}$ 
  - Science case workshop 6-9 April 2021
  - Conceptual Design Report by end 2021
  - Implementation during 2027/2028 during 16-months HIPA shutdown

# CDCH performance

- Gas gain is obtained from total gain (from data) divided by FE gain measured by prototype
  - Total gain =  $8.6 \pm 0.7$  [mV/e]
  - FE gain = 0.12 [mV/fC]
- Limited number of readout channels prevent a robust estimated of the reconstruction performances

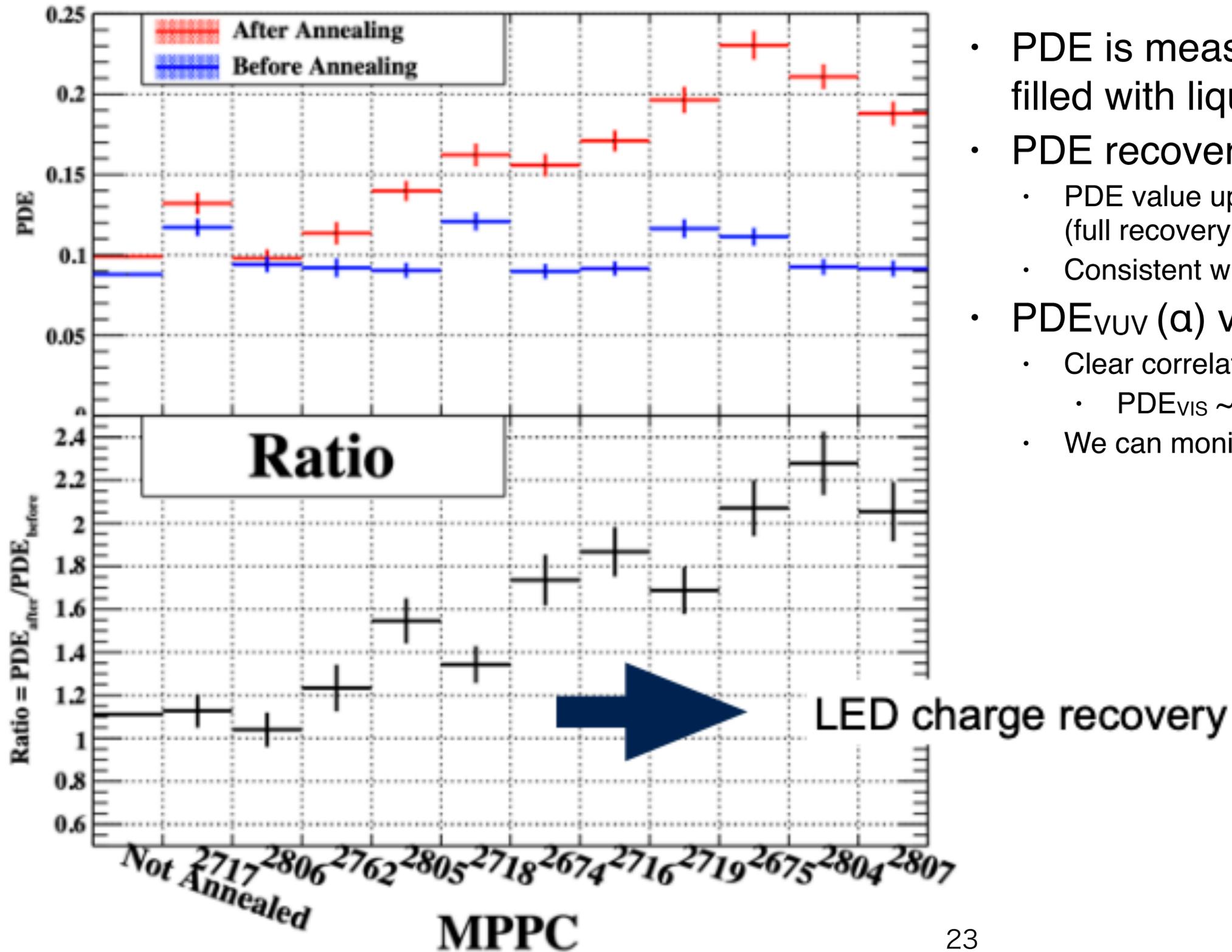


# CDCH high current issue

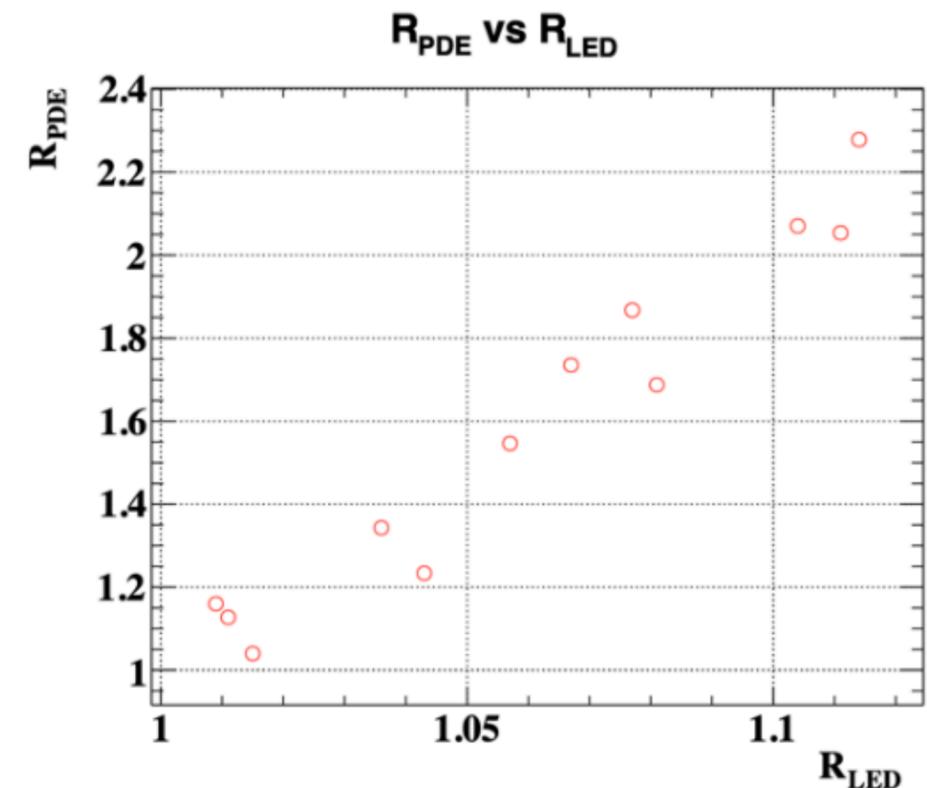


- Stable operation was not possible due to Corona discharge in 2019
  - Adding small amount of  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{O}_2$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , Alcohol etc. is suggested by the previous studies
- Different gas mixtures were tested in 2020 under muon beam
  - Gas mixture: pure He/IsoButane 90:10
  - Additives tested:  $\text{CO}_2$ , Water,  $\text{O}_2$ , Isopropanol
  - It seems adequate gas mixture for stable operation was finally found
    - He/iB 88.2%:9.8%+ $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  3500ppm+pure  $\text{O}_2$  2%
    - Nominal HV at MEG II intensity ( $7 \times 10^7 \mu\text{s}$ ) successfully.
- One broken wire is suspected
  - Due to corrosion by water?
  - Water must be changed with something else
  - Isopropyl alcohol at 1% added, and it worked!
  - $\text{O}_2$  concentration reduced down to 0.5%
    - Attachment of electrons loses electron in the drift
    - Impact on the gas gain
    - Better to reduce the  $\text{O}_2$  concentration

# Annealing effect measured by VUV light



- PDE is measured by  $\alpha$  sources after the detector is filled with liquid xenon
- PDE recovery after annealing is confirmed
  - PDE value up to  $\sim 20\%$  for several MPPCs (full recovery by annealing)
  - Consistent with PDE measured in lab.
- $PDE_{VUV}(\alpha)$  vs  $PDE_{VIS}(LED)$ 
  - Clear correlation is observed
    - $PDE_{VIS} \sim 0.1 \times PDE_{VUV}$
  - We can monitor PDE recovery by blue LED during annealing



# Possible Cause

- **Surface damage by VUV-light**

Electron-hole pair generated in SiO<sub>2</sub> by VUV light

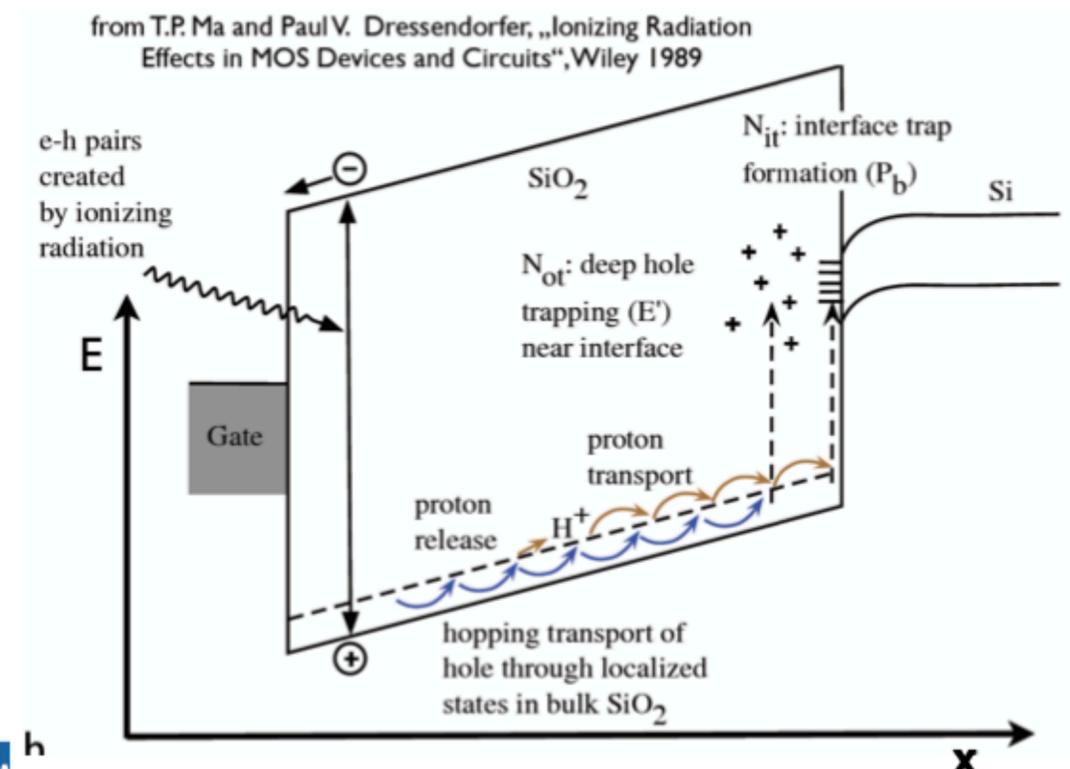
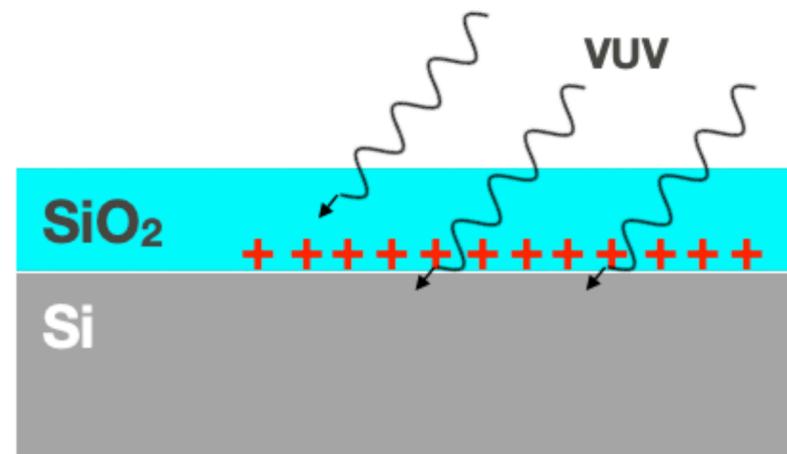
→ Holes are trapped at interface SiO<sub>2</sub> - Si

→ Accumulated positive charge will reduce electric field near Si surface, reducing collection efficiency of charge carrier

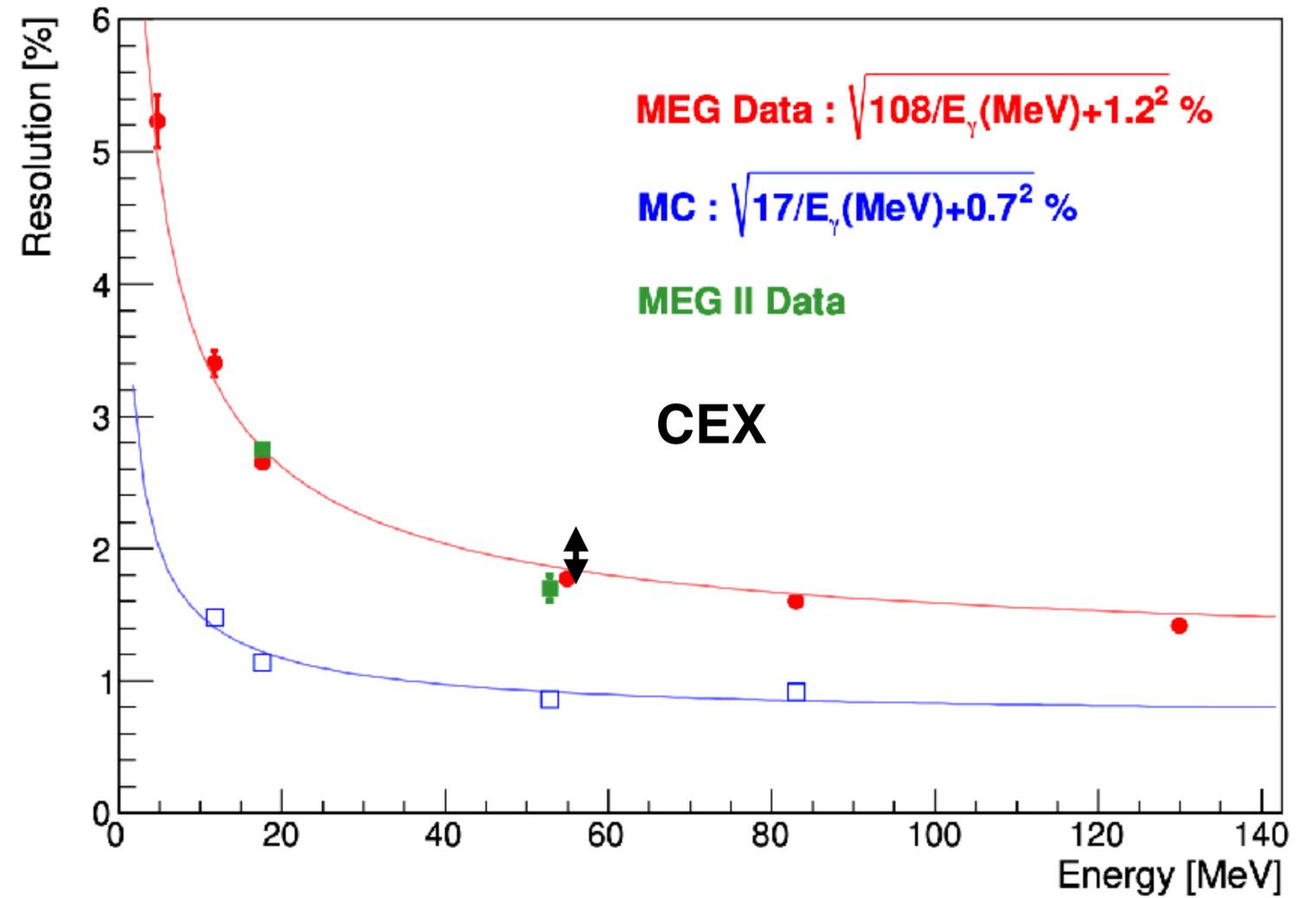
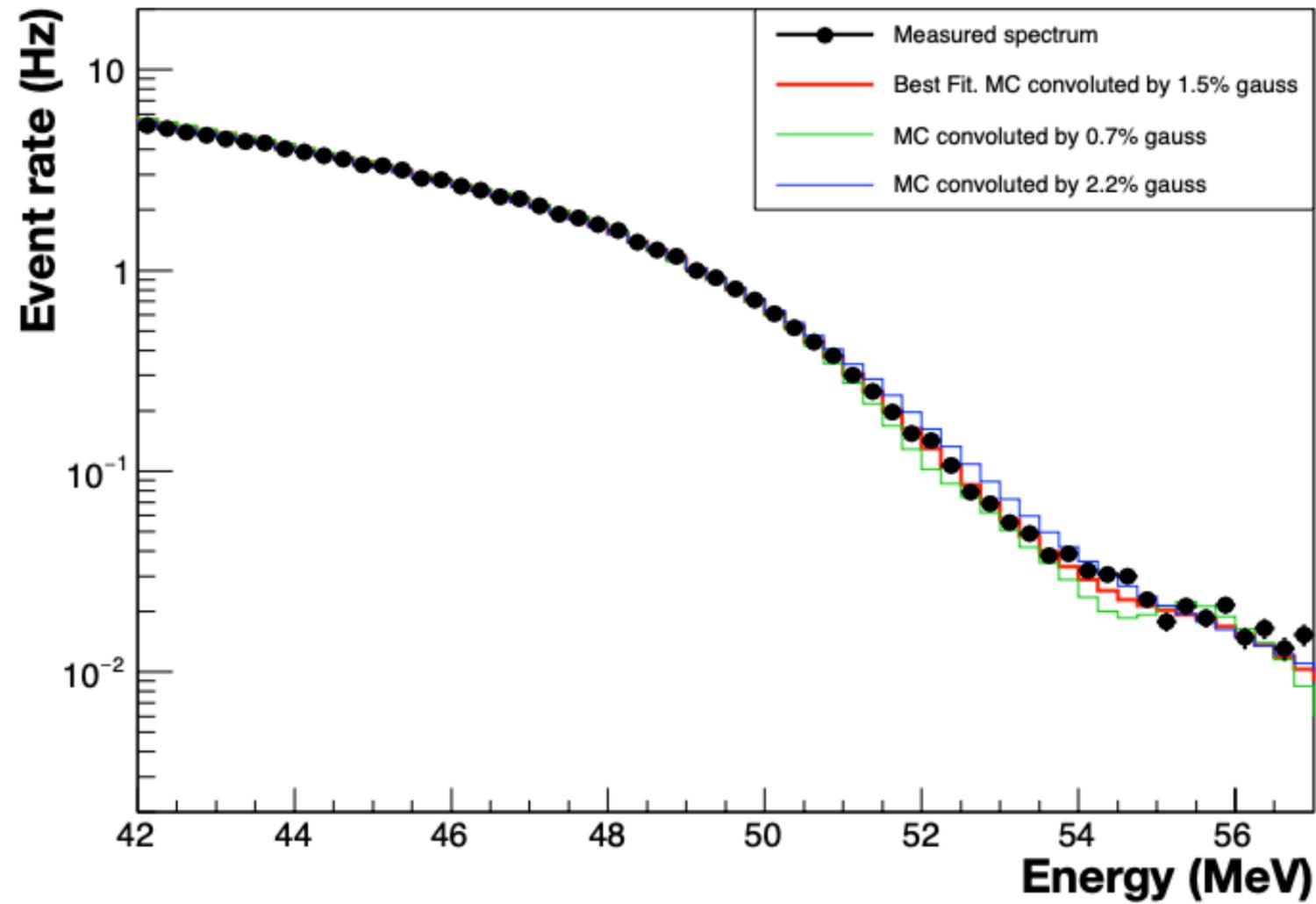
- N.B. charge carrier generated within 5nm at Si surface for VUV

- **Similar phenomena are known for UV photo diode**

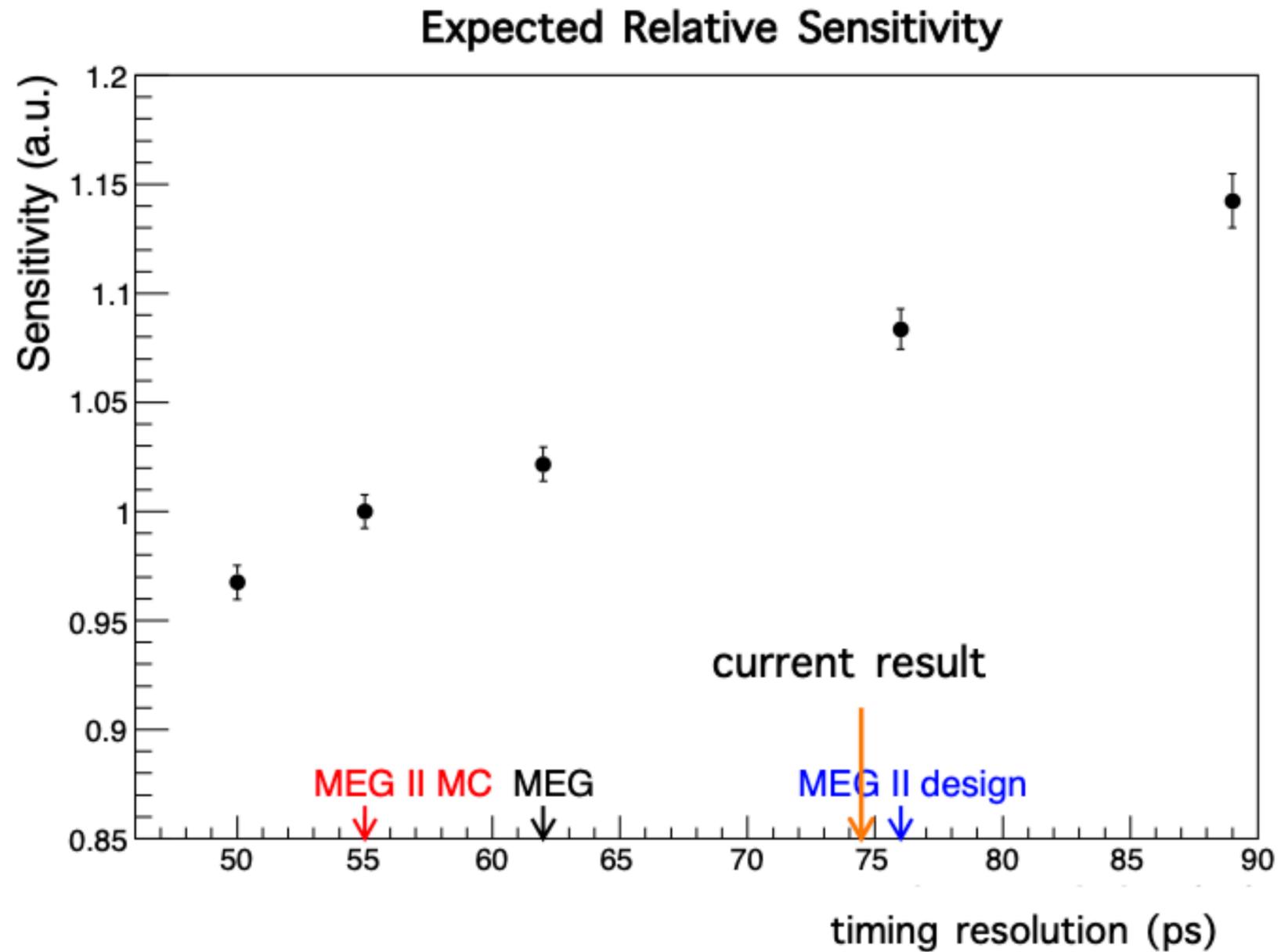
- Degradation happens only with much larger amount of light at room temp.
- Degradation seems accelerated at low temp.



# LXe energy resolution



# LXe time resolution

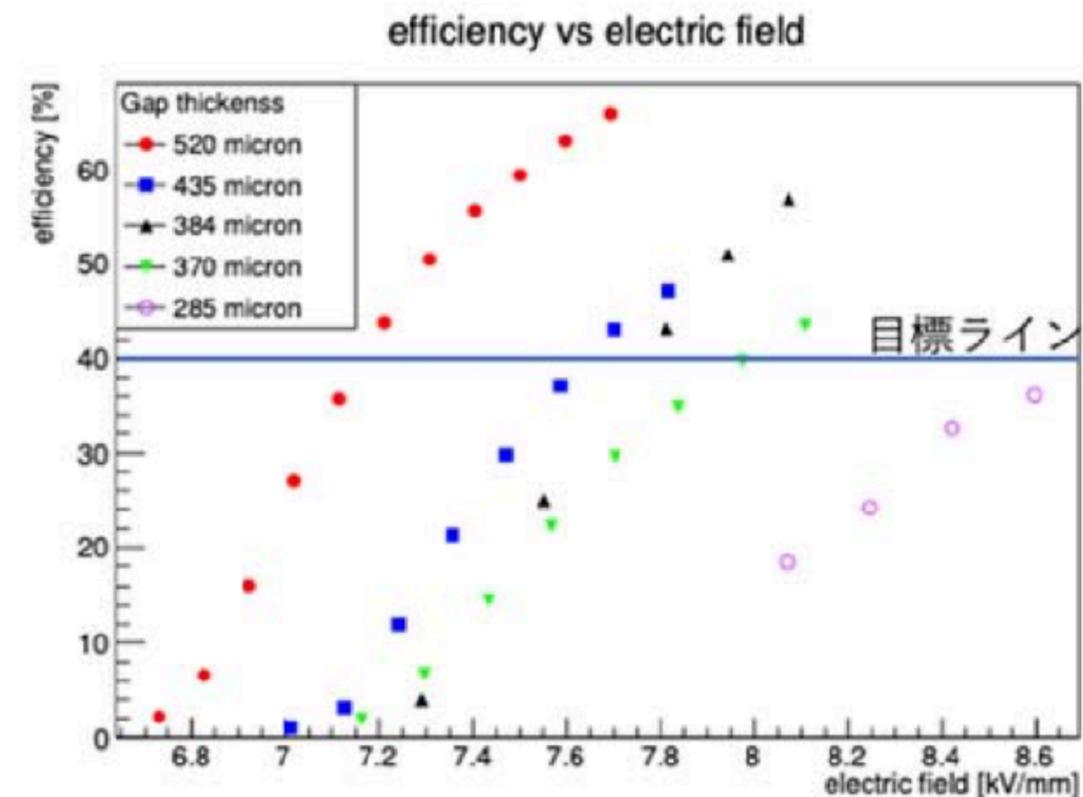
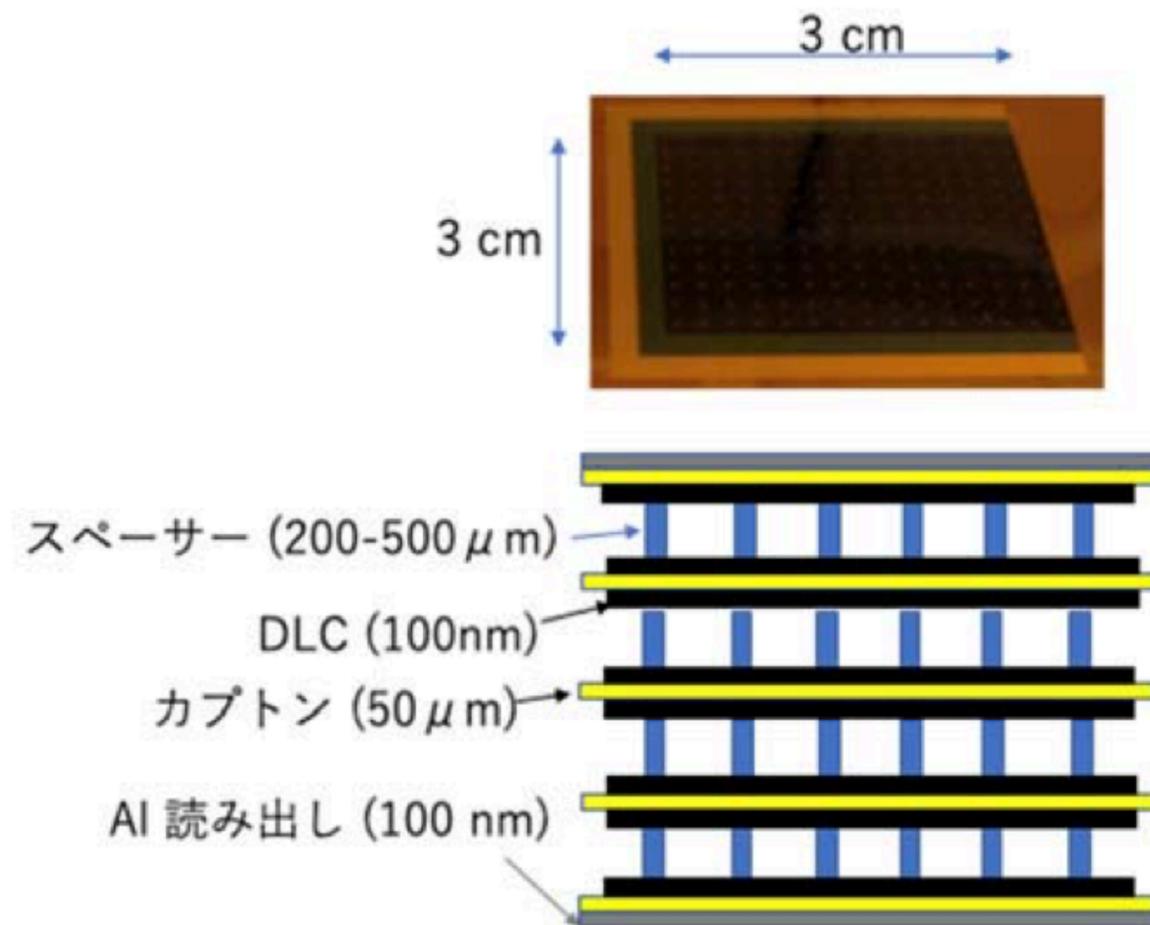


- The current absolute time resolution would deteriorate the sensitivity by 7%



# US RDC (RPC)

- US RDC
  - High intensity muon beam will pass through
  - High detection efficiency (90% for 1-5 MeV  $e^+$ )
  - Ultra low material budget ( $<0.1\% X_0$ )
  - High rate tolerant ( $10^8 \mu/s$ )
  - Diameter 20cm
- Ultra thin gaseous detector (RPC) with diamond-Like-Carbon (DLC) resistive electrode
  - R134a (Freon) based gas
  - Gap thickness : 200 $\mu$ m - 2mm
  - DLC: high resistive material w/ mixed structure of  $sp^2$  bond and  $sp^3$  bond
  - DLC sputtering on 50  $\mu$ m Kapton
  - Resistivity adjustable
  - High efficiency can be achieved by multilayer design



# Future $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$

- Positron spectrometer
  - HV-MAPS + scintillator or mRPC
  - Resolutions
    - energy 0.3%(150keV) • time 30ps • angle 6mrad • detection efficiency 70%
- Gamma converter + pair spectrometer
  - Resolutions
    - energy 0.4% (200keV) • time 30ps • position 0.2mm • angle 50mrad • detection eff. 60%

